

School of Engineering, University of Nairobi hosted the celebration of African Engineering week on 4th September, 2014. The function was sponsored by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Ministry of Education and Technology, University of Nairobi and National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI).

The chief guest was the CEO of NACOSTI, Dr. Rugut. Other guests (hosts) present were Alice Ochanda (UNESCO), Josephine Mwangi (Ministry of Education Science and Technology, Gender Mainstreaming), Dr. Faith Karanja (UoN), Ms Margaret Maiba (NACOSTI) and Eng. Komen Chepkonga (NACOSTI)

The objective was:

- To increase the visibility of engineering and its role in sustainable development
- To encourage students to study engineering by supplementing STEM curriculum with practical engineering applications.
- To raise awareness among governments and the general public on the need to increase participation in engineering courses for enhanced economic and sustainable development.

It was realised that the number of girl child taking engineering is very low. To sensitize them, the organizers saw it wise to invite some representatives from some girls secondary schools around. The following schools sent their representatives; Buruburu Girls Secondary School, Ruaraka High School, Nile Road Secondary School, Olympic Secondary School, Raila Educational Centre, Our Lady of Mercy-Shauri Moyo and Huruma Girls Secondary School. After the talks, they were taken to various engineering labs for familiarization on what is taking place.

They were later awarded certificate of participation.