

## Curriculum Writing Workshop for the Master of Public Health at Maanzoni Lodge, 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014.



Standing(left to right)

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Seated (left to right)

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The School of Public Health-University of Nairobi successfully conducted a workshop that led to the writing of a new MPH program. In order to meet the growing needs of the School and to address the emerging and re-emerging health threats and issues, the School initiated the process of reviewing the existing MPH curriculum and creating new programs. Towards this end, the School undertook an internal review of the existing program and benchmarked with some of the best Schools of Public Health globally. The School also held a curriculum review stakeholders workshop on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 which recommended a curriculum writing workshop.

The workshop was held at Maanzoni Lodge, Machakos County from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014. It was facilitated by Prof. Samson Okuro Gunga, the Dean School of Education. During the workshop regulations and syllabi were drafted for 11 new MPH programs and the concept of One Health incorporated within the program. One Health concept represents an interdisciplinary strategy to

address health from a holistic integrated perspective rather than a discipline-based fragmented approach.

The proposed curriculum of the new Master of Public Health program with their respective thematic areas is as follows;

**1) Thematic Unit of Epidemiology and Biostatistics**

1. MPH Epidemiology
2. MPH Biostatistics

**2) Thematic Unit of Disease Prevention, Control and Health Promotion**

1. MPH Communicable Diseases
2. MPH Non-Communicable Diseases.
3. MSc. Environmental & Occupational Health & Safety,
4. MPH Public Health Nutrition,
5. MPH Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

**3) Thematic Unit of Health Systems Planning and Policy**

1. MSc. Health Systems Management (mounted in September 2013 and currently ongoing)
2. MPH Health Planning & Policy Development
3. Masters in Global Health Diplomacy

**4) Thematic Unit of Social Sciences and Health**

1. MPH Social Science & Health
2. MPH Health Promotion and Communication
3. MPH Gender and Health

The School plans to finalize the programs soon for onward submission and approval. It is hoped that the passage of the programs will catalyze the development of a modern School of Public Health for the University of Nairobi.