

WMI hosts visitors from the University of Tokyo

Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies hosted a two day meeting on 13th and 14th February, 2014) with the visitors from the University of Tokyo to discuss progress of the signed Agreement on the Review of Sustainable Development Policy in Sub-Saharan African countries for Overview Report on Research, Education and Training for Sustainable Development in Africa between University of Nairobi and International Development Center of Japan (IDCJ).

Purpose of the Overview Report and the Nairobi consultation

Noting the importance of the consultative meeting, Prof. Nagao explained that in 2012, the University of Tokyo's Graduate Program in Sustainability Science (GPSS) was chosen by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan (MEXT) as one of the leading programs to train individuals to become global leaders. In order to achieve this goal, the program realized it would need to build a shared knowledge base on sustainable development efforts in Africa as scarcity of such information would prevent the program from building global leaders from Africa. Building such a knowledge base is also crucial as it is also expected to serve as a gateway in developing the relationship between Africa and Asia. The first step the university took was to start a project aimed at compiling information on research, education, training and other related activities conducted by African universities and institutions on Sustainable Development and to think of a way in which such information can be widely distributed and renewed. For this purpose, the university has created a partnership with the International Development Center of Japan (IDCJ), University of Ibadan (UI), the University of Cape Town and the Wangari Maathai Institute, University of Nairobi