

## **SPS wishes to Congratulate Prof. L. Njenga on her appointment as Director, Postgraduate Studies**

Professor Lydia Wanjiru Njenga Dean School of Physical Sciences (*Pictured*) was appointed the Director, Board of Postgraduate Studies, and University of Nairobi for a term of three years with effect from January 2, 2015.

The appointment was contained in a letter dated January 2, 2015 and signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor George A. O. Magoha. Prof. Njenga replaces Prof. Eunice W. Mutitu whose second term as director of the Board of Postgraduate Studies expired on January 2, 2015 after serving for six years.

A holder of a Doctor of Philosophy in Analytical/ Environmental Chemistry, Prof. Njenga was the Dean School of Physical Sciences, is an associate professor in the department of Chemistry having risen through academic levels since 1983 when she first joined the department as a Tutorial Fellow. Prof. Njenga brings along with her a wealth of academic and administrative experience, having served as Dean, School of Physical Sciences. She has also served in several college and faculty committees and was the advisor to the Nairobi University Chemical Club, among other responsibilities.

Prof. Njenga has been Dean School of Physical Sciences for Four years, an external examiner in several local and international universities and has supervised two PhD candidates, several Masters and undergraduate students to completion. Her research interest is in Fluoride analysis in water, foods, plants and soils and coordination Chemistry. She has attended 40 local and international conferences and workshops and presented 14 papers and six reports. Prof. Njenga is widely published with 16 articles in Refereed Journals and has authored two Open and distance learning Modules entitled, "*Coordination Chemistry*" and "*Transition Elements (d and f block elements)* and Organometallic Chemistry".

Prof. Njenga is a member of Kenya Chemical Society, Women in Science and Engineers, Women in Chemistry, Kenya DAAD Association and East and Southern Africa Environmental Chemistry. She engages in several community service initiatives.