

FABLAB NAIROBI WITHIN THE UON - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SCOOPS THE TRANSFORM KENYA AWARD IN THE MANUFACTURING CATEGORY

Transform Kenya Awards is a joint initiative of The Standard Group and Deloitte. The initiative aims at recognizing and celebrating persons, organizations or institutions that are doing something remarkable to contribute to the positive transformation of the lives of the community at either grassroots or national level.

After an overwhelming public response from the more than 24,000 entries made by Kenyans who nominated individuals and institutions they consider to be transforming the country and touching the lives of citizens in their work. The Fab Lab ("fabrication" or "fabulous" lab), which is part of the UoN Science and Technology Park (headed by Dr. Kamau Gachigi), was on Saturday 19th July, 2014 won the top spot for transforming the country in the manufacturing category.

Dr. Kamau Gachigi receiving the award at the grand gala held at Windsor Hotel



The Fab Lab is part of an international network of more than 400 Fab Labs around the world, which are part of the emerging maker movement, which the harbinger of a new era of personal fabrication. At the University, the Fab Lab serves an important technology transfer function (from laboratory to the marketplace), aimed at helping Kenya achieve its Vision 2030 goals. It is used as a technology prototyping centre where innovations are incubated towards commercialization.



