

## **Dr. Matiang'i confirms participation in the Innovation Week**

The Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communication and Technology, Dr. Fred Matiang'i has confirmed his participation at the Nairobi Innovation Week. Dr. Matiang'i is among the key speakers scheduled to make presentations at the inaugural event. The Cabinet Secretary was speaking when he paid a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi at the University of Nairobi.

Dr. Matiang'i challenged the University to play its role as an innovation hub in the country. Citing Silicon Valley which was the brainchild of Stanford University, Dr. Matiangi noted that its time the University of Nairobi played its part as the technology giant in the region. Dr. Matiang'i revealed that the India's Minister of ICT will give a public lecture at the C4D Lab. The minister will be accompanied by over one hundred investors, keen on investing in Kenyan business start-ups. He revealed that industry players; Competition Authority and ICT Authority will participate during the Innovation Week.

The Nairobi Innovation Week will bring together academia, innovators, business start-ups and incubations, policy makers, venture capitalists, researchers, among others. Other key speakers at the event include Saul Singer, Morris Langdon, Dr. Manu Chandaria, among others.

Prof. Mbithi took the opportunity to request for more funding from the government towards enhancement of School of Computing and Informatics' C4D Lab, where business start-ups are incubated. This, he said, will go a long way in helping the University play its role as the Innovation hub in the country. The Vice-Chancellor requested the Cabinet Secretary to help in lobbying for the establishment of Oracle centre and Cisco Centre at the University of Nairobi.

Present during the courtesy call was Mr. Victor Kyalo the Chief Executive Officer, ICT Authority, Prof. Bernard Njoroge, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance, Prof. Henry Mutoro, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension and .

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