

Meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Industrialisation and Enterprise Development

Date and time:

Tue, 2013-07-30 10:00

Location / Venue:

Ministry of Industrialisation and Enterprise Development offices

On Tuesday, 30 July 2013, the Cabinet Secretary for Industrialisation and Enterprise Development, Mr. Adan Mohamed, invited Professor Dorothy McCormick and Dr. Paul Kamau to his office for a meeting focusing on the business climate in Kenya. The meeting was prompted by Secretary Mohamed's recognition of the Institute's role in producing the Kenyan portion of the World Economic Forum's annual *Global Competitiveness Report (GCR)*.

During the hour-long meeting, Secretary Mohamed stated his desire to see that Kenya improves its GCR ranking (currently Kenya is no. 106 out of 144 countries) so as to be more attractive to local and foreign investors. He further stated that he would like to collaborate with IDS in identifying specific measures that can be taken to achieve some positive and immediate results. In response, Prof. McCormick and Dr. Kamau agreed to undertake further analysis of the Kenya GCR data and provide the results to the Ministry in time for an upcoming Cabinet meeting. Prof. McCormick and Dr. Kamau also briefed the Secretary on other research being done in IDS under the Business/Industry and Development Theme and expressed the Institute's desire to work closely with the Ministry to ensure that its policy and programme recommendations can be based on relevant and up-to-date industry data.