

## Social Work Students Leave for PROSOWO Conference

Date and time:

Thu, 2014-03-13 23:28

Location / Venue:

Kampala Uganda



The University of Nairobi through the Department of sociology and Social Work is a partner institution in the PROSOWO Consortium that comprises of five institutions of higher learning that have been working towards promoting professional social work in East Africa culminating with the forthcoming International Social Work Conference <http://socialwork2014.org> scheduled for 16th - 18th March 2014 in Kampala, Uganda.

As a run up to the conference, the East Africa regional coordinator for PROSOWO Project, Dr. Gidraph Wairire, organized a trip to Rwanda, which is an indirect outcome of the original PROSOWO Objectives to network with fellow social work educators and institutions in the process of promoting professional social work in the region. During this trip, the Kenyan social work students will learn more about the role of social work in conflict situations and the process of recovery and reconciliation in a post genocide society.

In this regard, the UoN social work students left on Tuesday 11th March for the University of Rwanda where they shall have a brief interactive workshop with social work students in the said university on 13th March 2014 after which they shall proceed to other places of social work interest in Rwanda. The students will then return to Kampala for the International Social Work Conference, organized within the auspices of PROSOWO Project in Kampala, Uganda. The conference brings together social work students, social work educators, social work practitioners and policy makers from over 40 different countries.

The University of Nairobi will be represented by a strong delegation of 42 social work students from the Department of Sociology and Social Work and 5 academic members of staff including the Dean, Faculty of Arts. One of the students Mr. Ismael Ochola, will represent students from the East African region and present a paper 'The future generation: Students' perspectives on social work and social development". Apart from presenting academic papers in the conference, the academic staff will play other different roles including chairing different conference sessions, panelists for plenary sessions and oversight role in different presentations.