

## International Potato Centre signs MoU with University of Nairobi



*MoU signing between University of Nairobi and International Potato Centre*

The University of Nairobi and International Potato Centre signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Friday, February, 6, 2015.

**Dr. Adiel N. Mbabu, Regional Operations Director, International Potato Centre** signed the MoU with University of Nairobi with an aim to bring science closer to the people.

This, it will achieve by incorporating professionals on potato crop to teach at the crop science department.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi noted that the university is keen on ensuring that **research does not end on thesis level**, but in changing the lives of Kenyans.

Prof. Mbithi also welcomed the proposal by CIP to enhance the University's teaching curriculum by providing professionals on potato crop to teach at the crop science department.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the new University administration will focus on mentorship of students with sound curriculum.

"We shall enrich our research and service. There must be evidence that lives have been improved by University endeavours," he said.

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He said that the University is keen on looking for new partnerships.

Regarding the resource potential of our professors, the Vice-Chancellor noted that it would be wastage to have a professor teach in one university, but through agreed arrangement, the **professors can teach in several universities** to share their wealth of knowledge.

He extended an invite to **Dr. Adiel N. Mbabu, Regional Operations Director, International Potato Centre**, for a public talk to share his knowledge on food security with the university community.

Dr. Mbabu on his part noted that without collaborations with institutions of learning like universities, they can do little as research organizations.

He also highlighted that as a research centre, they aim to bring science closer to the people, by ensuring that they deal with issues of food security.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, Prof. Lucy Irungu noted that food security involves many disciplines and her office is working on putting up multi-disciplinary teams. The courtesy call was attended by Prof. Henry Mutoro, Deputy Vice-Chancellor ( Academic Affairs), Prof. Lucy Irungu , Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension.

Also present were Prof. Agnes Mwan'gombe, Principal College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, Prof. Benard Aduda, Principal, College of Biological and Physical Sciences, Prof. John Wangai Kimenju, Prof. Julius M. Mwabora, Chair Department of Physics.

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