

UoN discusses collaboration with Norwegian Embassy

The University of Nairobi (UoN) has entered into talks with the Norwegian Embassy in Kenya on possible collaboration in the area of oil and gas exploration.

This was the agenda when the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi paid a courtesy call on the Ambassador of Norway to Kenya, H.E. Victor Conrad Ronneberg.

Prof. Mbithi revealed that the University recently introduced a program on Petroleum Engineering and is committed to working with Norwegian Universities on curriculum development, scholarships, staff and student exchange programs. The University is looking to tap into the experiences of Norwegian Universities in this venture.

Currently, the Kenyan industry is experiencing a shortage of engineers and technicians. To this end, the University of Nairobi is seeking partnership with Norwegian Universities and Norwegian Companies like Peteka, Staoil, Stavanger, Bergen, Kristansand to facilitate the training of human capital in the oil and gas sector. This partnership will be possible with diplomatic assistance. The Norwegian Universities already trains human capital for these companies and as the companies expand into the East African region, the University of Nairobi will be a step ahead in training human resource for these companies.

The Ambassador noted that even as the companies venture into exploration of oil and gas, environmental safety will be key. He said that the Embassy was open to share their experiences and their success stories.

Also present during the meeting was Mr. Johnson Kinyua, Director, Advancement Office and Prof. Francis Mulaa, College of Biological and Physical Sciences.