

**T**HE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI RECENTLY HOSTED SIR JOHN SULSTON, THE NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATE in Physiology/ Medicine for 2002, in a lecture dubbed 'People and the Planet- how can we all live and flourish on a finite earth?'

The interactive session which was moderated by Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC), Research, Production and Extension, UoN, attracted University staff and students, various corporate bodies and the general public, and focused on the People and the Planet report of April 2012. Sir John chaired the Royal Society's People

and the Planet 21 month Study by an international working group of 23 experts.

In his moving presentation, Sulston analyzed the links between global population, consumption and the environment, and the implications for sustainable development concluding that the impact of the growing population and the growing consumption of resources by the richer countries are bringing us to the limits of what the earth can sustain. He

said that population and consumption should be considered together as it is the combination of the two that determines sustainability in a finite planet.

Sulston, made reference to the recommendations in the People and the Planet April 2012 report, and called on stakeholders to look into practical and sustainable solutions that will resolve the current unsustainable population and consumption trends.

The event was a joint venture by the UoN's Population Studies and Research Institute (PSRI), African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP), Network of African Science Academics (NASAC) and the Royal Society for Medicine.

Prof. Jacob Kaimnyi, DVC, Academic Affairs, Prof. Peter K'Obonyo, Deputy Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. Lawrence Ikamari, Director, PSRI, Dr. Eliya Zulu, AFIDEP and Eng. Dr. Shem Arungu-Olende, NASAC, are among those who attended the lecture.

## Nobel Laureate gives public lecture at UoN



Sir John Sulston with Prof. Lucy Irungu Deputy-Vice-Chancellor, RPE.