

## **DEPARTMENT OF PHPT HOLDS AN ODEL PLANNING WORKSHOP (JULY 17, 2013)**

The Department of Public Health, Pharmacology yesterday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 held an Open and Distance e-learning (ODEL) implementation planning workshop to further sensitize staff and prepare them for development academic programs for delivery through Open and Distance and Electronic Learning mode. The workshop which was attended by 35 members of staff mainly from the department of Public Health, Pharmacology and Toxicology was facilitated by staff from the Centre for Open and Distance Learning of the University of Nairobi. The workshop was opened by the Acting Principal, Prof. Solomon Shibairo. In his opening remarks, Prof. Shibairo urged all staff to embrace the ODEL delivery mode as a as it will be the most important means of delivering University Education in the near future.

On his part, Prof. Jackson Ombui, Chairman Department of Public Health, Pharmacology and Toxicology reiterated the department's commitment to develop and mount ODEL Programs by January 2014. He said that this was the second sensitization workshop organized for staff in the Department of Public Health, Pharmacology and Toxicology and that staff should now embark of developing content for the various courses they teach in order to realize the goal of launching programs by January 2013.

The Director, Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL), Dr. Jackson Odumbe assured participants that the CODL will guide the department in the ODEL program development process and expressed optimism that the Department will develop and deliver the programs by January 2014. He gave a road map on how this will be achieved and urged members of staff to embark of the development process.



Prof. Shibairo addressing participants of the workshop.



Participants keenly listening to workshop facilitators



ODEL sensitization and planning workshop participants