



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

UoN trains staff to combat corruption

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The University of Nairobi has organized a two-day annual refresher training for corruption prevention committees and integrity officers as part of efforts to mainstream the fight against corruption.

Speaking during the function, the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof Peter Mbithi, the University is focused on zero tolerance to corruption by ensuring that all staff are vetted. The process which began with the Central Prevention Committee members, will cascade to teaching members of staff and administrative staff.

Addressing the participants, the representative of the CEO, EACC, Rose Ego emphasized the role of Prevention Committees and Integrity Officers in putting together a plan to implement corruption prevention strategies in the public sector.

The training focuses on specific deliverables to combat corruption and unethical practices in the University. Participants being sensitized on new developments in governance particularly the embracement of e-procurement, now anchored in law. Facilitators are drawn from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, Public Procurement Oversight Authority and the National Treasury.

In addition, the University is implementing the adopted Anti-Corruption Policy of 2010, which laid a framework of fighting corruption among others. The basis of the exercise is anchored in Chapter six of the Constitution, the Economic Crimes Act, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Act No 22 of 2011 and the Leadership and Integrity Act of 2012, which the University is expected to abide with as a public entity in respect to the rule of law and in combating corruption and unethical practices.

Prof. Mbithi revealed that the University has been institutionalizing corruption prevention mainly through submission of quarterly progress monitoring reports to EACC, publishing of an annual evaluation report and preparing reports on training of staff on integrity, ethics and anti-corruption.

Speaking on behalf of the Treasury, Mr. Charles Kimwele, e-procurement is meant to improve efficiency and procurement in the public centre. The system which was launched by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta in April 2014 has been rolled out in ministries, counties, parastatals and other public bodies. It is expected to be fully operational by December 2014.

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