

The Inter-Public Universities Councils Consultative Forum (IPUCCF) urge dons to call of strike.

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The dons at the public universities have been urged to call off the industrial action that has been ongoing over the last one week.

Speaking during Inter-Public Universities Councils Consultative Forum (IPUCCF), Prof. Paul Kanyari, IPUCCF Chairman, pleaded with the dons to return to work as the implementation issues of their Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBAs) is ongoing. The event was held today, November, 6, 2017 at the Cooperative University of Kenya, Karen.

The Inter-Public Universities Councils Consultative Forum (IPUCCF) is a forum of all public universities Councils and their constituent colleges in Kenya. The aim of the Forum is to address and respond to common issues that affect public universities, including CBAs.

The Public Universities are represented by three unions namely; Kenya Union of Domestic, Hotels, Educational Institutions, Hospitals and Allied Workers (KUDHEIHA), Kenya Universities Staff Union (KUSU) and Universities Academic Staff Union (UASU).

According to IPUCCF, they had successfully negotiated with the three unions and concluded and signed the CBA 2013-2017. To this end, the government paid in full the Kshs. 10 Billion in two

tranches to all the unionisable members of staff of public universities to cover salaries as at June, 30, 2017.

IPUCCF argues that they have continued to dialogue with the government to ensure that payments of the CBA 2013-2017 continue seamlessly into the financial year of 2017-2018 by the obtaining the necessary government funds. The government is committed to support public universities by enhancing their capitation at the levels of the 2013-2017 CBA to the tune of 5.2 billion as a top up of capitation to sustain the CBA rates in the financial year 2017-2018. Effectively, this means that to-date only four months of July, August, September and October 2017 increment on the salaries have not been paid.

University of Nairobi was represented by Prof. Isaac Mbeche, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Affairs and acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance.

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