

## UAE Embassy and University of Nairobi Discuss Collaboration.

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The University of Nairobi has entered into talks of possible collaboration with Universities in Saudi Arabia. The two leaders were talking during a courtesy call at Vice-Chancellors Office, today November, 21, 2017.

Speaking during the courtesy call, H. E. Dr. Mohammed A. Khayat, Ambassador, Royal Kingdom of Saudi, expressed the desire to have a working relationship with the University of Nairobi where the students and staff would enjoy the benefits of education exchange programs. The embassy is willing to give scholarship programs to students who wish to study in the Arab world.

On his part, Prof. Peter Mbithi, Vice-Chancellor, said that the University of Nairobi has been at the forefront in solving the challenges facing the country and the world. "Our challenge is to match global standards and solve community problems. Our other challenge is to improve enrollment in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM courses). Prof. Mbithi stressed the importance of partnerships and noted that the University of Nairobi would be glad to have strong allies in the Arab world as the university seeks to remain relevant in the fast changing world.

It was discussed that going forward the two institutions will work on a Memorandum of Understanding that will guide how they work together. The University of Nairobi will benefit greatly from the rich resources of Saudi Arabia especially on the newly launched Bsc. Petroleum Engineering Course. The joint research and publications by scholars from the two countries will help the

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University improve on its library of knowledge and repository rankings.

Also present during the meeting were Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Production and Extension, Prof. William Ogara, Director, Center for Programs and Linkages, Prof. Jackson Mbuthia, Dean, Engineering among others.

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