

## Harvard initiate Partnership with local Universities to Strengthen STEM Courses.

**Date and time:** Wed, 2017-12-06 16:46

**Link to Gallery:** <http://vc.uonbi.ac.ke/category/image-galleries/events-year-2017/harvard-initiate...>  
[1]

Share: [Facebook](#) [2] [Twitter](#) [3] [Google Plus](#) [4] [Yahoo](#) [5] [LinkedIn](#) [6] [Digg](#) [7] [Delicious](#) [8]



The University of Nairobi and Harvard University are set to leverage on technology to strengthen teaching and research on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (S.T.E.M) based courses.

Speaking during the meeting with the Chancellors Forum, Prof. Emmanuel Akyeampong, from Harvard University, observed that Harvard has established a presence in Africa with an office in South Africa, and they are working on increasing capacity and developing human capital in the continent as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility and giving back to the continent.

Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, Chancellor, University of Nairobi, took the opportunity to welcome the Harvard team to the University. She observed that the university is open for mutual collaboration.

Dr. Manu Chandaria, Chancellor, United States International University, USIU, stressed the need for practical research and practical education and not theory. 'Hold our hands, guide us, help us leap frog. You can leverage on technology and help us in strengthening our engineering and science based courses,' he said. He observed that by doing this, the education gap between Ivy League universities and our local universities can be bridged.

## Harvard initiate Partnership with local Universities to Strengthen STEM Courses.

Published on Vice-Chancellor's Office (<http://vc.uonbi.ac.ke>)

---

Going forward, it was agreed that Kenyan Universities, which were represented by their Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors would come up with their areas of research interests and help the team from Harvard to work on possible areas of collaboration and research. The collaboration would be based on students and staff exchange programs and other organizations involved in science based research, like Kenya Academy of Sciences and Africa Academy of Sciences would be roped in. Prof. Anyan'g Nyon'go, Kisumu Governor, who represented Kenya Academy of Sciences, observed that industry, academia and government need to work together to implement policy.

Several areas of research collaboration were suggested. This includes Computer Science, Engineering, Climate Science, among other areas. On technology and tech transfer, it was agreed that, academic staff from Harvard would work at the University of Nairobi or any other Kenyan university for a given period of time and help students with their projects. The teaching and learning will be more on practical projects and solving issues that affect the society than theoretical mode of learning.

The team of 5 visiting professors from Harvard will be visiting various universities in the country as they to assess the situation, the quality of education and possible areas of collaboration.

[View photos gallery](#) [1]

**Expiry Date:** Mon, 2018-12-31 16:46

**Contact Person:**

Peter Oluoch

**Source URL:** <http://vc.uonbi.ac.ke/content/harvard-initiate-partnership-local-universities-strengthen-stem-courses>

### Links:

[1] <http://vc.uonbi.ac.ke/category/image-galleries/events-year-2017/harvard-initiate-partnership-local-universities>

[2] <http://facebook.com/sharer.php?u=http://vc.uonbi.ac.ke/content/harvard-initiate-partnership-local-universities-strengthen-stem-courses&t=Harvard+initiate+Partnership+with+local+Universities+to+Strengthen+STEM+Courses>.

[3] <http://twitter.com/intent/tweet?text=Harvard+initiate+Partnership+with+local+Universities+to+Strengthen+STEM+Courses.&url=http://vc.uonbi.ac.ke/content/harvard-initiate-partnership-local-universities-strengthen-stem-courses>

[4] <https://plus.google.com/share?url=http://vc.uonbi.ac.ke/content/harvard-initiate-partnership-local-universities-strengthen-stem-courses>

[5] <http://bookmarks.yahoo.com/toolbar/savebm?opener=tb&u=http://vc.uonbi.ac.ke/content/harvard-initiate-partnership-local-universities-strengthen-stem-courses&t=Harvard+initiate+Partnership+with+local+Universities+to+Strengthen+STEM+Courses.&d=>

[6] <http://www.linkedin.com/shareArticle?url=http://vc.uonbi.ac.ke/content/harvard-initiate-partnership-local-universities-strengthen-stem-courses&mini=true&title=Harvard+initiate+Partnership+with+local+Universities+to+Strengthen+STEM+Courses.&ro=false&summary=&source=>

[7] <http://digg.com/submit?url=http://vc.uonbi.ac.ke/content/harvard-initiate-partnership-local-universities-strengthen-stem-courses&title=Harvard+initiate+Partnership+with+local+Universities+to+Strengthen+STEM+Courses>.

[8] <http://www.delicious.com/save?v=5&noui&jump=close&url=http://vc.uonbi.ac.ke/content/harvard-initiate-partnership-local-universities-strengthen-stem-courses&title=Harvard+initiate+Partnership+with+local+Universities+to+Strengthen+STEM+Courses>.