

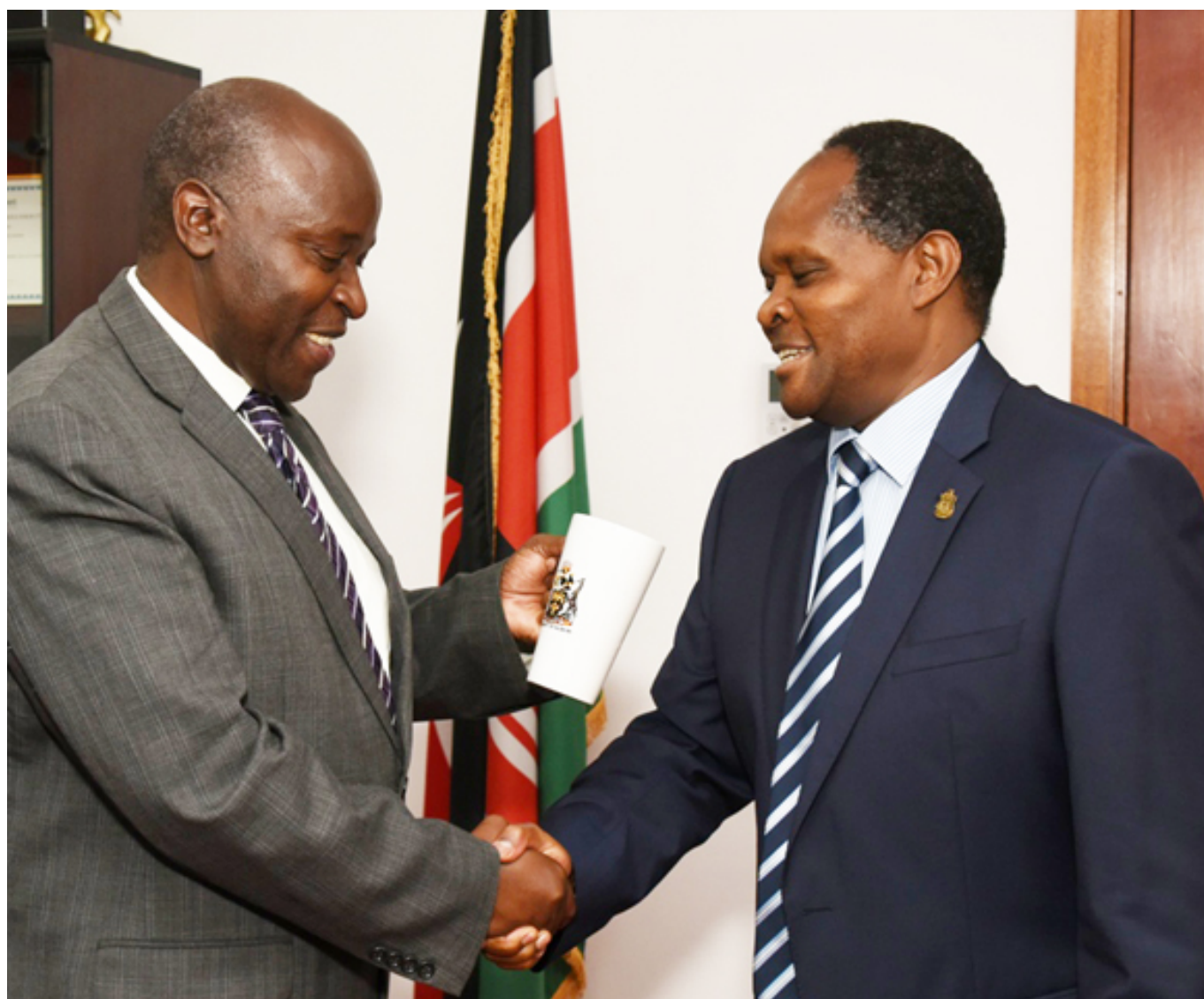
## University of Nairobi discuss strengthening research collaboration with Kyambogo University.

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The University of Nairobi has entered into talks with Uganda's second leading University and will soon sign a Memorandum of Understanding that will detail how it will strengthen its cooperation with Kyambogo University.

This was revealed when the Vice-Chancellor Kyambogo University Prof. Eli Katunguka Rwakishaya paid a courtesy call to the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi on January, 11, 2018.

Speaking during the meeting, Prof. Mbithi welcomed the research collaboration between the two institutions of higher learning. "Linkages and knowing people drives success", said the Vice-Chancellor. Prof. Mbithi observed that there needs to be proper research on: handling of students, new curriculum, and pedagogical skills. Universities have not been at the forefront in proposing solutions ahead of government and the Vice-Chancellor noted the trend need to change and

universities must lead in policy making backed by research. "We must be proactive, think ahead and publish papers on higher education leadership, university financing, governance among others.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. Mbithi said that the challenges facing the universities can be achieved by working with other universities in the region.

The Vice-Chancellor Kyambogo University Prof. Eli Katunguka Rwakishaya observed that he would be happy to have the collaboration operationalized and to have staff exchange between the two universities. UoN boasts of over 450 Professors and over 3,000 Lecturers, this will indeed be beneficial to any partner universities from the region. Before his appointment, Prof. Rwakishaya has been a friend of UoN having worked as an external examiner for 16 years and as a professor of Veterinary Medicine in Makerere University. He thanked the University for accepting to host the forthcoming RUFORUM conference in October, 2018. The Ruforum conference will bring together the academia, government, policy makers and practitioners in the agricultural sector.

The research collaboration between the University of Nairobi and Kyambogo University will enable staff, students to benefit from shared research funding, laboratory equipment among other facilities.

Going forward the Centre for International Programs and Linkages, led by Prof. William Ogara, will draw an action matrix for the MoU that will be signed by the two Vice-Chancellors and witnessed by the Legal Office, led by Mr. Tim Mwiseli.

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