

NORHEAD Universities discuss progress.

Project managers and directors discussed the progress of the NORHED project that has been doing capacity building and infrastructure development in various universities in Africa.

NORHED is a Norwegian funded project that brings together several universities from Africa, Asia and Norway. The project has an acronym WaSo. The University of Nairobi has been collaborating with several Norwegian Universities, Makerere University, University of Juba and Adis Ababa University.

Speaking during the meeting, Prof. Tore Saetersdal, Acting Director, Development related research at the University of Bergen, Norway, noted that the project has been very useful in human capacity development and infrastructural development in various universities they operate in.

The multi-disciplinary project have students from various disciplines namely Engineering, Chemistry, History, Meteorology pursuing studies in water, climate and society.

On her part, Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, who was speaking on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, noted that the University of Nairobi is undergoing transformation and is working on boosting its post graduate programs and having multi-disciplinary programs and such projects as WoSa are highly encouraged.

Prof. Francis Mutua, Chair, Department of Meteorology thanked the project sponsors for having donated Kshs. 8.5 Million that went into human capacity building and laying of Local Area Network, LAN. The money was as well used in construction of the synoptic lab, buying of electronic boards, among others. The department is working closely with stakeholders and will soon launch a master's program in water studies and management.