

## **Nairobi Innovation Week 2017 receive boost from Corporate Sponsors**

Nairobi Innovation Week, the flagship program of the University of Nairobi today received a big boost when corporate partners came to support the initiative.

Speaking during the cheques presentation exercise at the Council Chamber, University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor Prof. Peter Mbithi noted that Nairobi Innovation Week 2017 will be the third innovation Week, after 2 successful ones in 2015 and 2016. He observed that the objective of the Innovation Week is to encourage public participation, showcase innovations by researchers and promote skills and to provide support mechanism for innovation.

In his concluding remarks, the Vice-Chancellor challenged the academia to lead in the production of knowledge and provide solutions to solve local and global challenges. He as well took the opportunity to thank the partners for supporting the innovation ecosystem in the country.

The theme of the Nairobi Innovation Week is: Innovating to solve pressing local and global challenges. The event starts on March 6-10, 2017 and will be at University of Nairobi Main Campus.

Some of the side events to be held include: workshops, seminars, hackathons, keynote speeches, entertainment, startups pitching sessions to investors among other events.

The event has received sponsorship from various government and corporate entities among them: KCB Group donated Kshs. 3 Million, Safaricom Limited donated Kshs. 1 million, NIC Bank donated Ksh. 500,000, University of Nairobi Alumni donated Kshs. 500,000, Tecno Mobile donated equipment for youth competition. Other sponsors include; Unicef, Embassy of Finland, Uber Kenya among others.