

University Management Sensitized on Technical Evaluation.

University of Nairobi staff in senior management positions who constitute members of the technical committees on procurement have been trained on the technical evaluation process. The three days sensitization is currently ongoing at the Central Catering Unit, (CCU). The training is from April, 10-12, 2017.

Speaking during the training workshop, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, urged the members of the technical committees to ensure that the University gets value for money, when procuring for goods and services.

Prof. Mbithi also requested that the special groups consisting of the youth, women and persons living with disabilities be accorded special consideration when awarding of tenders. The Procurement Act and the Constitution of Kenya require that the special groups be awarded 30 percent worth of tenders by Ministries, State Departments and Agencies of Government.

Also discussed during the sensitization workshop were issues revolving around awarding of tenders to companies that have a history of delivering quality goods and services, restricted tenders, direct procurements, technical evaluations taking less than 30 days and the whole evaluation process. The evaluation process involves among other things : procurement plans, disposal plans, issuing of tenders to the lowest bidders, and that proposals must offer value for money. The issues of confidentiality during the evaluation process was also discussed at length.

University of Nairobi staff members are being trained by procurement experts from the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management, led by Mr. James Karoki and Mr. Vincent Ogonjo.

Also present during the sensitization workshop were; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, Prof. Lucy Irungu and the six Principals of Colleges of the University of Nairobi.