

## **UoN team to develop National Master Plan for Science and Technology Parks**

University of Nairobi Enterprises Services (UNES), a subsidiary of the University of Nairobi (UoN) has been awarded a contract to develop the National Master Plan for Science and Technology Parks in Kenya.

UNES will develop the designs for technology parks for Konza City Technopolis and Dedan Kimathi University of Technology and Science.

“The call for expression of interest was floated by the Ministry of Education. The consultant had to be a Kenyan public university and was expected to have an international partner,” said Prof. Peter Ngau, the Project Team leader. “To this end, UoN/UNES partnered with Frost & Sullivan, a company based in Singapore with vast experience in science and technology parks. UoN/UNES also constituted the project team comprising ICT, planning and business professionals drawn from various schools in the university. ”

Prof. Ngau was speaking when the project team members paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi on April 19, 2017.

Mr. Richard Wong from Frost & Sullivan said that the company has worked with various governments in preparing science and technology parks master plans. The company has built several science and technology parks in countries like Pakistan and Malaysia.

“Together with the UoN/UNES team we hope to meet the objectives of this project,” he said.

Prof. Mbithi said that the project is in line with its research and knowledge dissemination mandate stating that indeed, the National Master Plan for Science and Technology Parks will be of great value to Kenya. “I call on the project team members to work towards the success of the project,” he said.

The team is expected to deliver the master plan by June 2017.