

## **ESDA Development Project Report**

The University of Nairobi, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi received the one-year progress report on the Education for Sustainable Development in Africa (ESDA) project.

The report was presented at a consultation meeting with Prof. Masafumi Nagao, the ESDA Coordinator and research professor at the Center for the Study of International Cooperation in Education-Hiroshima University (Japan). Prof. Mbithi is also the chairman of ESDA.

Key among activities discussed was the success of commencing the admission process of masters students both under scholarship at the program and self-sponsored. This is one of the pillars aligned to the program's mandate of offering graduate-level education programs for professionals to be engaged in sustainable development in Africa.

Prof. Masafumi said that the project would promote university-based agribusiness incubation centres.

“ESDA had also succeeded in starting up an African Youth Entrepreneurship project that is meant to widen the platform for researchers to interact with young entrepreneurs and offer alternatives for University research funding sustainability and development,” he said.

Prof. Mbithi applauded the ESDA team for their efforts and assured that he would support in putting mechanisms of recovery to hasten the full realization of the projects' targets in good time.

“The university will work towards the integration of the projects within the frameworks of achieving global visibility since it is aligned towards its objectives of attaining first-class research culture, leadership and mentorship,” he said.

The meeting was held on July 6, 2017.