

## **NIW 2017 receives Sponsorship from Partners**

The University of Nairobi's Nairobi Innovation Week 2017 has received sponsorship from partners.

Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) Group donated Kshs. 3 Million while Safaricom and NIC Bank donated Kshs. 1 Million and Kshs. 500,000 respectively. The University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) donated Kshs. 500,000 and Tecno Mobile donated equipment to be used during the Innovation Week.

Other partners include UNICEF, Embassy of Finland, Uber Kenya among others.

Speaking during the cheque presentation exercise held on Monday, February 27, 2017, at the Council Chamber, University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor Prof. Peter Mbithi thanked the partners for supporting the innovation ecosystem in the country.

He observed that the objective of the Innovation Week is to encourage public participation, showcase innovations by researchers, promote skills and 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. 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 others.