

## **UoN Hosted AfriCHI, Africa Human Computer Interface Conference**

The University of Nairobi hosted the Africa Human Computer Interface, AfriCHI. The first ever conference of its kind brought together scholars from over 21 countries across the globe.

The 3 day conference was themed, 'Building bridges and breaking barriers.'

Speaking during the conference, Mr. Sammy Itemere, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, encouraged the participants to network to be able to further research into the human computer interaction. "The next frontier of research is in computer applications, taking cognisance of user needs, take advantage of this and build research networks."

On his part, the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi congratulated the scholars for organizing the 3 days conference and bringing together 21 countries from across the globe. He urged the scholars to take the opportunity that the workshop offers to work together and further the research into Human Computer Interaction.

Chief Chikanta from Zambia, who represented the local community, challenged the researchers and sponsors to deliver internet connectivity to the rural areas just like electricity. He noted that with ICT and internet penetration, a lot would be transformed within the local communities, from education to hospitals to various businesses and farming.

The conference has been successful courtesy of various partners, key among them being: Human Computing Machinery, Namibia University, Kenya Education Network, KENET and the University of Nairobi.