

UoN Launches Bike share Challenge

The University of Nairobi through its School of computing and Informatics and the Center for Computing and Development Laboratory (C4DLab) has launched the Bike share Challenge.

In the Challenge, Users borrow, ride and return the bicycle. Currently, the program works in a controlled campus environment where a one hour ride costs Kshs. 40 but will soon be open to the public as the project gets scaled and launched in various universities and in various counties within the country.

Speaking during the launch of the Challenge, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, said the 'Bike Share Challenge' will solve the traffic challenges in the city by enabling Nairobi residents share bicycles.

On his part, Mr. Tom Mshindi, Nation Media Group Editor in Chief, noted that as the media partner, they are happy to be part of the project, that will not only help reduce the traffic congestion, but help riders improve their health. He challenged other universities to embrace the concept.

Dr. Tony Omwansa, the Chairman, Nairobi Innovation Week, noted that the 2017 theme is 'Innovating to Solve Local and Global Challenges.' He observed that Nairobi traffic challenge could easily be solved by Kenyans adapting the use of bicycles.

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