

UoN to Enhance Understanding of WTO agreements

The University of Nairobi has been tasked with the mandate of enhancing the understanding of the agreements that World Trade organization (WTO) has made.

This was revealed when the permanent representative to United Nations office in Geneva, Dr. Stephen Karau paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor.

Dr. Stephen Karau challenged the University to be a think-tank for Kenya on matters of the WTO agreements. He specifically called on the School of Economics to host a centre of excellence to reap big from the benefits of the World Trade Organization in Kenya and in Africa.

Prof. Peter Ngau, Principal, College of Architecture and Engineering, speaking on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, prof. peter Mbithi welcomed the initiative saying that the University has the capacity and infrastructure to host such a center. He noted that the School of Economics is already collaborating with WTO. To this end, there is an active World Trade Organization Chairs Programme (WCP) in the University.

Prof. Tabitha Kiriti, the co-chair, WCP said that the programme was launched with the objective of strengthening knowledge and understanding of the trading system among academics, citizens and policy makers in developing countries by stimulating teaching, research and public debate on international economies and trade corporation in universities and research institutions. Prof. Kiriti revealed that the WCP team in UoN has done a lot of research in international trade.

The University management promised to fully support the establishment of the centre