Christopher Coons

The University was also privileged to host Christopher Coons, the United States Senator from Delaware who 27 years ago was a student at UoN and volunteered as a relief worker. The senator held a town hall in which he acknowledged Africa as the continent of the 21st century and called on the world to change and see Africa's incredible potential.

In his remarks to the University community, Senator Coons highlighted Kenya's great potential especially in regard to its plans as highlighted in the Kenya Vision 2030. However, according to Coons, "the real challenge is to provide opportunities for development especially for the youth. Kenyans need to embrace democracy, in order to be an all rounded developed country."

According to the senator, Africa is the continent of the 21st century. To this end, the world needs to change and see Africa's incredible potential. Coons quoted Mahatma Gandhi who once said that the best way to find you is to lose yourself in the service of others. The senator has dedicated his time and effort in serving the society. He has worked for several nonprofit organizations including the education oriented "I Have a Dream Foundation" of Delaware. Coons are the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African affairs which is subordinate to the Foreign Relations Committee of the US senate.