

## **UoN to enhance the ESDA programme**

The University of Nairobi (UoN) plans to enhance the Education for Sustainable Development in Africa (ESDA) programme at the institution.

This was revealed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi when he presided over the induction workshop of the Education for Sustainable Development in Africa – Sustainable Urban Development (ESDA-SUD) on October 10, 2017.

“This programme presents many opportunities for our country especially in the area of sustainable urban development,” he said. “We need to strategize and plan for how we shall enhance the ESDA programme by enrolling more students, securing more partnerships and offering more scholarships.”

“Currently, the ESDA-SUD which is a masters programme, is being coordinated by Wangari Maathai Institute,” says Dr. Boniface Wambua, the Chairman, Geography Department and the Alternate ESDA-SUD Coordinator. “Since establishment in 2014, the programme has 9 students pursuing their studies in various specializations including water and sanitation, renewable energy, etc. the students are enrolled in the Department of Geography.”

According to the ESDA-SUD Coordinator Prof. Nzioka Muthama, the programme is designed to nurture multi-disciplinary partnerships and knowledge.

“This project addresses a core of Vision 2030 development agenda as it addresses issues on sustainable urban development,” he said. “We have the opportunity to interact and provide solutions to the local and global problems, thereby making a difference in society.”