

## **UoN Marks International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**

*'Let's Develop Our Lives and Our Communities without Drugs'* was the theme for this year's International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (IDADA) 2016. The University of Nairobi joined the world in marking this day at the College of Education and External studies (CEES), at the Kikuyu campus on June 24, 2016.

The College principal, Prof. Isaac Jumba, speaking on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi said that the University of Nairobi is proud to march against this crisis to attain a drug free Kenya and a drug free University. He also said that the University has increased the number of counsellors available in all university campuses to assist those who seek help for ADA and other concerns that may affect academic performance and well-being of the individual and image of the institution.

The University has strengthened efforts to address the issue of drug and alcohol abuse among staff and students. This has seen the University develop the University of Nairobi Alcohol and drug abuse sensitization 2015/2016 policy statement that applies to both staff and students. The University has also invested resources in an effort to provide psychosocial support to members and organize Alcohol and Drug abuse seminars.

Voluntary drug testing, HIV testing and counselling, real life stories shared by students recovering from alcohol and drug abuse, performances by local musicians, entertainment by various student groups and police band were among the activities that took place at the event.

The General Assembly at the United Nations, in December 1987 designated 26th June to be marked as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

