



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

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Press Release

UoN is confirmed the best regional University

The University of Nairobi is the best ranked local and regional University according to the latest Ranking Web of Universities (Webometrics). It is ranked 9th in Africa out of 1326 and 1167 out of over 22,000 Universities in the world.

In Africa, the University of Nairobi led local universities followed by Kenyatta University at position 34 and Strathmore University in 36. Overall in Africa, Cairo University leads in the rankings followed by the University of Cape Town. The University of KwaZulu-Natal which led in the last ranking has now dropped to position 5. The first position worldwide went to the renowned Harvard University. Makerere University which led regional Universities in July 2013 rankings is now in position 2 in the region and position 10 in Africa.

The University of Nairobi's performance is the best result posted by any local University since the advent of web ranking in 2004. In the July 2013 ranking the University of Nairobi was first in Kenya, second in East Africa and 14th in Africa. Only Strathmore and Egerton have once emerged ahead of UoN, since the exercise began over 10 years ago.

The web rankings complement the government Performance Contracting ranking in which UoN has consistently maintained position one ahead of other public Universities and Institutions. In the last results, UoN posted an "Excellent" rank a position that has never been achieved by any public entity in the Performance Contracting exercise. The University is also in position 1 as per the 4ICU web rankings.

The improved rankings come on the backdrop of increased enrolment currently standing at over 65,000 students in different courses, improved academic infrastructure and highly qualified academic staff comprising of 126 Professors, and 246 Associate Professors. Last year, the University of Nairobi graduated a record 14,207 students among them 3,373 Masters, 92 PhDs and 2 DSc's. It also has a research portfolio of KES 3.5 billion and over 1350 International linkages out of which 250 are active.

The University management congratulates staff and students for the good performance and challenges them to improve on the standards.