

## **Kenyan ambassador calls on UoN to enhance understanding of WTO agreements**

The Kenyan Ambassador/ permanent representative to United Nations office in Geneva, Dr. Stephen Karau, has challenged the University of Nairobi (UoN) to be a central think-tank for Kenya on matters of the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements.

Dr. Karau called on the School of Economics to look into the possibility of hosting a centre of excellence build Kenya's and Africa's capacity to reap big from the benefits of the World Trade Organization.

He said this when he paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Principal, College of Architecture and Engineering, Prof. Peter Ngau.

Prof. Ngau 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.