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Amb. Yahel Vilan, Ambassador of Israel to Kenya

The Ambassador of Israel to Kenya, Yahel Vilan, was the main speaker at the University of Nairobi's second quarterly Innovation Forum. The Ambassador was making a presentation on "Innovation Opportunities from Israel-Kenya Relations."

In his presentation, Amb. Vilan said that Kenyan universities must lead the innovation agenda in the country.

He noted that Kenya has vibrant opportunities and that there is need to nurture the innovative spirit. He shared the Israel innovation experience by highlighting the different sectors that have benefitted from innovative technologies. He explained the impact of technology in areas such as agriculture, water solutions, health and life sciences, new media and internet as well as cyber security.

Vilan noted that strong collaborations between the government and private sector have seen Israel record significant success stories in terms of innovation.

"Israeli Universities have also contributed to new technologies and innovations. We have seen products that are in use in different sectors come from universities," he said.