

## **UoN and Cambridge Trust discuss collaboration**

The University of Nairobi (UoN) and Cambridge Trust have agreed to explore possible collaboration in the areas of staff and student exchange programs and the possibility of offering scholarships for students to pursue their university education abroad.

This was the agenda when the Director, Cambridge Trust, Prof. Hellen Pennant and the President, Ms. Dame Barbara Stocking paid a courtesy call on the UoN Vice-chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi.

Prof. Pennant observed that working with the University of Nairobi will go a long way in helping grow African research and collaborations. Their maiden visit to Kenya and to the University of Nairobi was to understand how they can increase the number of Kenyan students' enrollment in Cambridge University. She noted that there are over 500 student scholarships annually and urged students to apply for them.

Prof. Mbithi, expressed the need to have students and professors from Cambridge visit the University of Nairobi and vice versa. The Vice-chancellor, pledged to support the collaboration which will help the two universities produce more 'global citizens.' He added that the University of Nairobi believes in collaboration and working with the people of the world in producing holistic graduates.

The Vice-chancellor recalled with nostalgia how in the past, university staff would be trained in the universities abroad as part of the staff development program, where staff would be equipped with skills to help them in efficient and effective service delivery. The program is not as effective as it was in the years past.

Going forward, the two institutions agreed to explore agreements which will guide how the two institutions will work together and the specific activities to be undertaken.