

Ten UoN students graduate with an Advanced Agriculture Diploma from AICAT

Ten students from the University of Nairobi's Faculty of Agriculture have successfully completed their one year practical internship in Israel and graduated on June 5, 2018.

The students started their training on August 1, 2017 for an 11 months programme on Advanced Agriculture and Irrigation at Arava International Centre for Agricultural Training (AICAT) in Israel where they were attached to work with farmers in Kibbutz and Moshav Jewish forms of settlement. The students lived in farms in the Arava region where and were exposed to the high technologies and the advanced agriculture in Israel.

The students were among the 120 students flagged off by the former Cabinet Secretary for Water and Irrigation, Hon. Eugene Wamalwa on July 21, 2017, for the 11-month advanced agriculture and irrigation training in Israel.

The programme is as a result of the Jerusalem Declaration, an MoU signed between President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya and H.E. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of the State of Israel signed on February 23, 2016, the University of Nairobi among other Agricultural, Water and Irrigation Training related institutions sent top students to the Arava International Centre for Agricultural Training (AICAT) to study an Advanced Diploma in Agriculture and Agribusiness.

The program has impacted on the graduates' life in different aspects including socially, academically, and economically. The students have gained leadership skills and can now become community leaders and agricultural mentors; they have both practical and theoretical tools in food safety and security and knowledge on how to successfully establish agribusinesses and model farms. When they return home, the graduates will easily integrate professionally in both the public and private sector.

The next batch of 14 students for the 2018/2019 cohort will be leaving for Israel during the week of July 23-28, 2018. The University is proud to partner with AICAT in this hands-on training initiative in Agriculture and Agribusiness.