



Varsity completes constitution sensitization programme

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The University of Nairobi has developed several multimedia publications on the implementation of the Constitution 2010. Among the publications are: a book titled *The University of Nairobi and the Constitution 2010: A sensitization process* and a video titled: 'Silent Key Parties in Kenya's New Constitution.' The publications are part of the outcomes of the sensitization process on the provisions of the Constitution embraced by the University slightly over 100 days ago.

Officiating during the closing ceremony, the Chairman of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Mr Mumo Matemu praised the University of Nairobi for successfully sensitizing students, staff and alumni on the provisions of the Constitution 2010 and the Public Service Integrity Programme (PSIP). Matemu challenged the University to put in place some measures that will nurture and promote integrity. He proposed that the University can conduct research on emerging issues on integrity to enhance the anti-corruption jurisprudence, establish an award scheme for integrity targeting students or members of staff or administration, organize scholarly debates on complex integrity and anti-corruption issues, design and administer an examinable course on integrity as well as mainstream integrity content in policies, programmes and activities and review the codes of conduct, rules and regulation to reflect the spirit of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha, noted that through the process the University has demonstrated its committed role in the higher education sector in Kenya by taking leadership in the implementation of the constitution and embracing the practice of integrity in its activities. The University has embraced the notion of institutionalizing and personalizing integrity in the community. Magoha noted that education is a key sector and therefore requires our institutions to take up leadership roles in the country including implementation of the Constitution among, other roles.

The programme has developed the capacity of the University as a player in the higher education sector, to implement the Constitution, ensuring that it practices integrity in its activities. Ultimately integrity has been institutionalized and personalized in the University community. Through the sensitization process the University held television talk shows, public lectures, colloquia, symposia, panel discussions, legal and medical clinics, tree planting and clean up exercises among others. The objectives of the program included facilitation towards improved access to information contained in the Constitution, set up policies systems and procedures aimed at implementing the Constitution as well as the provision of tools and resources.

As partners, the Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution, Chairman, Mr. Charles Nyachae kicked off the process in August 2013 and facilitated several sensitization activities. Other partners were EACC and University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA).

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