

## **“I CHOOSE A LIFE “ (ICL) SUPPORTS UNIVERSITY’S INNOVATION WEEK, 2016**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter M. F. Mbithi has underscored the value that the University attaches to collaborations and partnerships, which he said the University considers as key guiding principle in its operations. The University is more keen when such collaborations involve innovations and youth programmes.

Prof. Mbithi made these remarks during a courtesy call made on him by Mr. Mike Mutungi, the Chief Executive Officer of *I choose Life*, an NGO working with the youth in Kenya. An MOU highlighting various areas of collaboration with UoN is being finalized for signing.

Among the areas proposed for collaboration/partnership with the University are:-

- Sponsorship of the Nairobi Innovation Week scheduled for August, 2016.
- Facilitation of selected high schools to attend the Innovation week.
- Proposal to work with C4D Lab to roll out a digital infrastructure to register all school going pupils (with support of the Ministry of Education)
- A proposal to host the Triple Helix International Conference in Kenya in February, 2017, in collaboration with the C4D Lab.

Mr. Muturngi revealed that his NGO has established the necessary linkages to be able to use the IRIS of the eye for unique human identification instead of biometric, and he hoped the University could consider its use in future.

The Vice-Chancellor supported the initiatives by the NGO, noting that they are all critical in support of the UoN programmes.

The NGO Chief Executive Officer donated Ksh. 500,000/= towards activities related to the Innovation Week of 2016.

Among the University officials present were Prof. Henry W. Mutoro, Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Academic Affairs), Prof. T. Waema, School of Computing, Mr. Johnson Kinyua, University Advancement Director and Mr. John Orindi, Director, Corporate Affairs.