

UoN receive a cheque of ksh 4.2 million from World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

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From left: Director Research **Prof. Madara**, Director Intellectual Property **Prof. J.W Mwangi**, DVC AA **prof. Mutoro**, Managing Director KIPI **Mr. Sylvance Sange**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production & Extension **Prof. Lucy Irungu**.

Mr. Sange presented a cheque of **ksh 4.2 million** to UoN from World Intellectual Property Organization

The [Intellectual Property Management Office](#) [8] (IPMO) led by the director, Prof. Julius Mwangi made a proposal to WIPO through Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI) requesting for funds to carry out IP Audit for the entire University of Nairobi. Following extensive consultations with Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI), officials of Regional Bureau for Africa and Prof Tom Ogada, the proposed WIPO Consultant for the project, WIPO agreed to fund the Intellectual Property Audit project.

During the ceremony Mr Sange said that creating knowledge has no boundaries and he urged all students to take their projects seriously as it could open immense opportunities for them upon completion of their studies.”

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, [Academics Affairs](#) [9], **Prof. Henry Mutoro**, who was representing the Vice-Chancellor, **Prof Peter Mbithi** thanked KIPI for the support accorded to the university. Prof. Mutoro said that this is the first Intellectual Property Audit to be done by a university in Africa.

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Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production & Extension, Prof. Lucy Irungu said that the UoN IP audit will enable the University to tap from the vast wealth from the copyrights. Prof Irungu pointed out that the University of Nairobi has many innovations and technologies that are yet to be commercialized and thus the IP audit will help the university to identify the projects in all colleges.

The Director, IPMO **Prof. Julius Mwangi** thanked KIPI for the support it has accorded the university to date. He said that the audit will be a case study and a point of reference to other universities.

The **IPMO** and entire UoN wish to extend special gratitude to Mr Sange, Managing Director Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI), officials of Regional Bureau for Africa and Prof Tom Ogada, the proposed WIPO Consultant for the project. It's through the extensive consultations of this team that the 4.2 m has been achieved.

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