

ROADMAP TO 2016 INNOVATION WEEK LAUNCHED

The 2016 innovation week roadmap has officially kicked off. This year's innovation week will take place from the 1st of August all through to 5th August. The 2016 innovation week will focus on **partnerships for innovations that truly impact people and societies**.

Speaking during the launch the Vice Chancellor Prof. Peter Mbithi said that one of the intentions of holding the annual innovation week was to put the university in the forefront in the process of generation and preservation of knowledge and most especially in the area of research.

Mr. Christopher Fabian a senior Advisor on the innovation to the Executive Director at UNICEF who spoke at the launch noted that universities have always been a beckon of light and they were excited to be working with the University of Nairobi. It is not about solving problems with just Kenya, but solving global problems. The innovation week points towards global change.

The 2016 innovation week is set to attract over 1000 delegates from different categories: entrepreneurs who have developed ideas, innovators who are developing solutions to specific problems, policy makers to focus on innovation, research etc, organizations, academia, faculty, students, members of the public and also the media who wish to cover the event.

The first innovation week was held in 2015 between 3rd and 7th August, with the theme **“innovate and Prosper**. The event attracted over 700 delegates, 13 sponsors, 50 exhibitors, 5 international invited guests, and over 55 research papers.

The launch was attended by the DVC Academic Affairs, Prof. Mutoro, ICTC Director Ibrahim Otieno, and C4D Lab Co-coordinator Tony K Omwansa among others.