University of Nairobi Drivers hold Capacity Building at CCU

University of Nairobi drivers from the Transport Department held a capacity building workshop at the Central Catering Unit where the drivers were sensitized on road safety. The event was held today, June, 25, 2016.

Speaking during the event, Prof. Henry Mutoro, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi urged the drivers to work as a team, keep the vehicles in good condition, ensure the repairs and maintenance is done accordingly.

The refresher training was to enable drivers to cope up with the challenges and to enable them to keep abreast with among other things; National Transport Safety Authority (NTSA) functions and Government Vehicles Check Unit, to ensure fuel efficiency and to deal with the challenges of alcohol and drug abuse.

Mr. Reagan Mureithi from NTSA noted that most road transport functions were merged to form NTSA. The authority now deals with; registration of motor vehicles, inspection of motor vehicles, issuance of licenses to drivers, issuance of new number plates, issuance of log books and they are also in charge of road safety and law enforcement in conjunction with the Police.

Drivers were urged to avoid over-speeding as it is the major cause of accidents on the Kenyan roads. They were as well told to be mindful of other road users. The consequences of flouting the rules could lead to revocation of one’s driving license.

On her part, Dr. Catherine Musyoka warned the drivers on the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. She urged the drivers to desist from such as it leads to several accidents. However, those who are affected are welcome to staff clinic for counselling purposes.

The Director of Sports, Mr. Mbaabu Mureithi compared the staff members to members of a football team, who have one vision and one objective: To win a football game. He urged the staff to work as a team and achieve their mandate. Achieving and surpassing their targets.

The capacity building was championed by Prof. Julius Ogola, Director Transport. Holding a capacity building or social forum is a key requirement of the University of Nairobi 2015/2016 Performance Contract.