

Wangari Maathai Institute hosts ESDA-SUD Sustainability Workshop - September 25, 2017



Prof. S.G. Kiama, Principal, CAVS (centre), Prof. Nzioka J. Muthama, Deputy Director, WMI, UoN-KU ESDA – SUD faculty and students after the Sustainability Workshop.

The Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies was honoured to host the Education for Sustainable Development in Africa-Sustainable Urban Development (ESDA-SUD) sustainability workshop and students' debate. The workshop brought together the Kenyatta University and University of Nairobi ESDA-SUD Community and Stakeholders to deliberate on salient sustainability issues at National, Regional and International Level. This workshop was held on Monday September 25, 2017 at the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences (CAVS), Upper Kabete Campus at the 8.4.4 Boardroom. It was opened by the Prof. S. G. Kiama, Principal CAVS, on behalf of the University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor. The main objective of the workshop was to enhance the understanding and importance of the ESDA-SUD Masters program in order to attain the aim of ESDA which is to train leaders on sustainable development in Africa. This is done through training of students at the post graduate level who may serve as policy makers for sustainable development in Africa.



Prof. Nzioka J. Muthama Deputy Director, Wangari Maathai Institute delivering his presentation on Sustainable urban metabolism and air quality

The morning plenary session involved oral presentation of case studies and emerging issues on sustainable development by key note speakers. The topics discussed included Sustainable Urban Metabolism and air quality, Sustainable Urban Water Supply and Sanitation and Youth and Women in Sustainable Urban Governance. During the afternoon session, students from Kenyatta University and University of Nairobi engaged in a first of its kind debate on sustainability challenges in urban areas. The debate focused on three areas including, Sustainable Urban Water Supply and Sanitation, Sustainable Urban Energy Resources and Utilization and Urban Food and Nutrition Security.



ESDA-SUD student during the debate

ESDA was initiated in 2008; it is prepared in collaboration with the United Nations University (UNU) and leading African Universities. The program provides a platform of continuous engagement with ESDA-SUD faculty members, students and relevant stakeholders, community members and policy makers and also enhances intra and inter university collaboration. It focuses on three thematic areas namely:

1. Sustainable Rural Development (SRD), which is implemented by universities in West Africa.
2. Mining and Mineral resources (MMR), which is implemented by universities in Southern Africa and;
3. Sustainable Urban Development (SUD), Which is implemented by Universities in East Africa such as the University of Nairobi (UON) and Kenyatta University (KU).