

Land Governance Workshop held at Parklands Campus.

University of Nairobi Parklands Campus held a one day workshop on land governance, where the Chief Guest, Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands noted that every Kenyan have a right to land ownership. The workshop was held today, June, 27, 2016.

Speaking during the event, Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi noted that every Kenyan child have a right to land ownership irrespective of their gender. He noted that some communities have unfair practises on land ownership where the female gender and people living with disabilities are segregated and denied access to ownership. Such practises, he said should be stopped. He enumerated the various land reforms that the government has put in place like the national land policy which address the historical injustices and the security of tenure among other issues.

The Constitution of Kenya provides for comprehensive land management, equitable access to land, and effective administration of land among others.

Ms Mariamu El Maawy , the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Lands, noted that several stakeholders should be engaged on land related issues; from land ownership, land governance, land usage, land management. Just like the bank industry embraces transparency, predictability in their transactions, she noted that land transactions should be transparent.

Speaking during the workshop, Prof. Henry Mutoro, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, commended the Cabinet Secretary on the various reforms he has instituted at the Ministry of Lands.

On her part, Dean, School of Law, Prof. Patricia Kamore-Mbote, noted that Land Governance Action Framework can compliment land reforms implementations. Land governance deals with: recognition and respect for existing rights, land use planning and taxation, management of public land, dispute resolution and land management.

The land governance action framework workshop was funded by the World Bank and attended by members from National Land Commission, the Civil Society, students and staff from School of Law, Parklands Campus.