

## LEGAL OFFICE STAFF MEMBERS ATTEND A SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON CORRUPTION, ETHICS AND INTEGRITY

Heads of departments and members of staff from the Central Administration today 8th June attended a sensitization workshop on corruption prevention, ethics and integrity. The aim of the one day training was to sensitize members on matters corruption, leadership and integrity.

Presiding over the workshop, the AG DVC AF Prof Isaac Mbeche read a speech on behalf on the Vice Chancellor. He highlighted corruption risk areas which include: delays in opening files for new students which lead to lose of information, execution of procurement request outside of procurement plans- people deciding to request for things not in the procurement plan, abuse of overtime facility among others.

Professor Mbeche urged members to set the pace and to help improve on service delivery to the clients. Citing on the negative issues that had happened in the recent past, he told members “it is our duty to ensure that we build on the image of the university. The university is still doing very well we are not sinking we will achieve excellence in a very short time”. He further asked members to continue doing the good work so that the university can continue to get recognition for its good work.

Senior Legal Officer Collins Omondi gave a presentation on ‘Policies and legal framework on Anti-corruption in Kenya’. Mr. Omondi shared with members the different policies and regulations that have been enacted to curb corruption in Kenya. He also noted that all functional areas in the university are potential risk areas. These include; Financial Management Systems and Procedures Information, Communication and Technology Systems (ICT) Procurement, Processes and Disposal of Stores Human Resources and Administration Areas Planning and Management of Projects, Records Management among others.

Dr. Grace Kirika the Administrator Legal Office took the members through the foundational understanding of corruption. She highlighted the causes of corruption among them being; greed, lack of good leadership, disregard for the rule of law among others. Dr. Kirika urged members to always choose to do the right thing. She reminded members of the quote by His Holiness Pope Francis when he said corruption is like eating sugar. It is sweet but is it also like a bad breath and so it is our responsibility to tell others when they are doing wrong.

Others who spoke at the event are Dr. Bulinda the Registrar Administration, Naomi N. Njuguna, a lecturer at the School of Law and Mr. Mokaya the Procurement Manager.

The workshop was held at Maktaba Hall at the Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library (JKML) from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm.