

SUPPLIERS CHALLENGED TO TAKE UP LARGE CONTRACTS

A sensitization meeting between suppliers and UON management took today 26th May 2016. The suppliers were drawn from the categories of youth, persons living with disabilities and the women to promote the 30% worth of tenders that should be given to special groups.

Speaking at the breakfast meeting, the DVC, Academic Affairs Prof. Henry Mutoro implored on the suppliers to bid the big tenders saying that the University had about six billion shillings just for the suppliers. He also challenged the suppliers to embrace taking up large projects.

On his part, Prof. Isaac Mbeche, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Affairs, said the meeting was important to the university as it gave them a chance to interact with the suppliers one on one and get to know and listen to the different challenges they are facing, how to overcome them, and also come up with ways of increasing the 30% uptake.

The suppliers highlighted the different challenges they were facing among them being; lack of enough money to do the big tenders, delays to pay suppliers from the colleges as compared to the suppliers in main campus who are paid within a month (30 days), lack of enough experience to take up big projects, among others.

Mr. Mokaya, the Procurement Manager took the suppliers through the new Procurement Law pointing out some of the very important details that the suppliers need to look out for. This includes operating with integrity whereby all the suppliers found to be corrupt will be banned from doing any business with the university and other government entities. He also emphasized on the need for suppliers to keep improving the quality of their services since demand and competition for tenders is very high.

The breakfast meeting took place at the Central Catering Centre (CCU).