## UON ENTERS INTO DISCUSSIONS ON COLLABORATION WITH PORTUGUESE EMBASSY

There is a possibility of the university to offer Portuguese language as an academic programme. This is after discussions between the university of Nairobi and diplomatic mission Portugal, Nairobi which took place today 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

The two institutions also agreed to look into other areas of interest which include culture exchange, faculty, translation and interpretation

These revelations came when the Portuguese Charge d'Affaires in Nairobi, Mr. Francisco- Xavier Meireles paid a courtesy call on the <u>Vice-Chancellor</u>, Prof. Peter Mbithi.

Speaking at the meeting, Professor Mbithi welcomed the partnership saying that through such projects and collaborations, the university is able to offer a global to the students and also members of staff. The university has already embraced the teaching of other foreign languages which include; Korean, Chinese Arabic, French and German.

On his part, Mr. Meireles said that the Portuguese Embassy will facilitate a sponsor who will teach the language in the university. He also noted that the Embassy will continue looking into other areas of cooperation more especially in the area of cultural exchange.

It was agreed that the two will consult and draft a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for signing and implementation.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Henry Mutoro, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, <u>Academic Affairs</u>, Prof. Enos Njeru, Principal, <u>College of Humanities and Social Sciences</u> and Prof. Ephraim Wahome, Associate Dean, <u>Faculty of Arts</u>.