



*The team organizing the first ever global innovation event at the University of Nairobi meets at the Vice Chancellor's office earlier in the day.*

Plans are now at an advanced stage for the [University of Nairobi](#) to hold for the first time an event that will bring together technology and entrepreneurship minds from both the private and public sectors, local or international in origin.

Themed “Innovate and Prosper”, the “[Nairobi Innovation Week](#)” coordinated by a team chaired by [Dr. Tonny Omwansa](#) is set to begin in August 5, ending on a Friday of the same month this year.

And after meeting with the university's Vice Chancellor [Prof. Peter Mbithi](#) in his office earlier this morning, the organizing team comprising Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor(Research, Production and Extension) got the approval to involve several schools of the entire university, which will incidentally be used for showcasing innovations by University of Nairobi innovators, innovators from other universities, entrepreneurs, Government institutions, incubation hubs, investors and invited guests from countries including Israel, USA and China.

The function originated and spearheaded by C4DLab would also confer a platform for presentations of academic papers, showcase of successful innovation case studies. Yet all is to culminate into discussion sessions touching closely on ways of making Kenya a top IT ecosystem in Africa.

Chairing the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor urged the planners to be the trailblazers in the technology and innovation sectors, given that the university is re-branding and transforming rapidly into a world-class institution also renowned for novel IT-based solutions. He eventually assured the organizing committee of full support.

Meanwhile, full details of the event will be posted on a website to go live next week, paving way for a call for academic papers on innovation, technology and entrepreneurship.