

## **Student Leaders Commissioned as Peace Ambassadors**

Student leaders from various universities have been sworn in as Peace Ambassadors, climax of a three day youth leadership training at the University of Nairobi, Main Campus on Friday, November, 25, 2016.

The event was witnessed by the Norwegian Ambassador to Kenya Mr. Victor C. Rønneberg and Commissioner, Linda Ochiel, from the National Cohesion and Integration Commission, NCIC.

Speaking during the event, the Ambassador urged the student leaders to play a role in national discourse. He pledged his support to UoN's College of Architecture and Engineering through the newly launched program, Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering. Norway has advanced oil and gas engineering component, having been in the field for over five decades.

The Ambassador urged student leaders to harness their leadership skills, to live for something bigger than themselves. He told the student leaders to use their influence to urge the youth to register in large numbers and vote.

In his concluding remarks, the Ambassador urged the students to cease from campaigning through tribalism or based on individuals. He passionately urged them to strive towards peaceful elections and be peace ambassadors during the forthcoming general elections.

On his part, Prof. Peter Mbithi, the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by Prof. Peter Ngau, the Principal, College of Architecture and Engineering, noted that leadership is an important resource to a society and student leaders should have a positive influence on their followers. He urged students to avoid being radicalised and be patriotic citizens and above all, observe the national values.

Mr. Victor Uhuru, the Founder: Youth Alliance Initiative thanked the partners for supporting the student leadership training. The partners who supported the training were: University of Nairobi, The Ford Foundation, National Cohesion and Integration Commission, among others.