

Government to support universities in enhancing science, technology and innovation projects 16th June 2020.

The Principal Secretary for University Education and Research Amb. Simon Nabukwesi, has said that the government will continue to support institutions of higher learning to enable them equip themselves with the necessary infrastructure and requirements for science, technology and innovation courses so as to benefit the youth.

Amb. Nabukwesi said the government would support the innovations by funding the developments adding that by complementing each other, the Government and Public Universities will prepare the young for the future.

The Principal Secretary, who made the remarks at the Meru University of Science and Technology when he visited the university to inspect various projects funded by the Government and other donors, said that the Ministry of Education through the National Research Fund will continue providing support for innovation projects. He cited the sanitation research Centre at the university which he said was a viable and innovative idea which would require additional government funds to facilitate deliverable of services.



Figure 1 Amb. Nabukwesi on recent Visit to Meru University of Science & Technology

The University Vice Chancellor Prof. Romanus Odhiambo said the university provides 110 academic programmes and thanked the Government for supporting development projects in the institution. He said they are currently engaged in virtual learning to assist the students during the disrupted learning period due to corona virus. Prof. Odhiambo also said they are currently engaged in developing various innovations to assist the Government in the fight against corona virus.



Figure 2 Amb. Nabukwesi with VC. Prof. Romanus Odhiambo, on inspection of Projects at Meru University of Science & Technology

The VC said the institution has aligned various projects for the next financial year among them construction of a health facility within the school of health science complex to assist the local community and construction of Marience university college among others.