

# Strengthening ICT supported community-engaged forestry education in Kenya (2013 -2015)

A clear need for strengthening forestry education in Kenya has been identified by local and international stakeholders due to increasing demands of sustainable management of natural resources and fast developments of teaching and learning technologies. Capacities and facilities have been recently improved with the key support of Finnish development cooperation projects, and for ensuring the favorable progress it is reasoned to eliminate the still existing detrimental bottlenecks of academic forestry education. Because of the limited technical and financial resources locally available, key interventions require funding and technical support from outside organizations.

The University of Eldoret (UoE) as the sole institution in Kenya providing all levels of higher forestry education, has identified the University of Eastern Finland (UEF) as the most qualified institution to continue to lead the necessary changes. Since the objectives of this project are in line with those of the HEI-ICI program in support of the Finnish Development Policy, UEF and UoE will carry out interventions seen as crucial for the development of the education related to sustainable forest management in Kenya.

On the basis of the need assessments, the focus of actions is on capacities related to:

- curriculum development,
- practical, pedagogical and ICT methods,
- community engagement particularly within drylands, and networking.

These actions will have clear positive impacts on the development of rural communities, forest-dependent people, and on the environment.

The project is also supported by the following partners:

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