

Public Health Club hosts World No Tobacco Day Forum

The [University of Nairobi](#), [College of Health Sciences](#), Public Health Club hosted the World No Tobacco Day Forum on 31st May, 2016.

The students' forum was held at Lecture Theatre III in Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

School of Medicine Dean, Prof. Fredrick Were graced the occasion and urged the students to be ambassadors in the war against tobacco because change starts with the youth.

The students engaged panelists in discussions on tobacco use during the forum.

The panelists comprised of Mr. Newton Mburu (KNH Youth Rehabilitation Centre)

Ms. Emma Wanyonyi (Institute of Legislative Affairs (ILA)) Ms. Dorcas Kiptui- (Ministry of Health) Dr. Elizabeth Wala (Kenya Medical Association CEO) Dr. Musau (Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)) Professor Peter Odhiambo (Kenya Tobacco Control Board) Reverend Tom Otieno (Lavington United Church) Mr. Joel Gitali (Kenya Tobacco Control Alliance Chairperson), and Dr. Ochanda (Executive Director of International Commission of Prevention of Addiction).

Prof. Odhiambo was glad to share news of receiving a WHO award on behalf of the Tobacco Control Board Kenya, in recognition of outstanding contribution to tobacco control.

Other topics that were covered during the forum were; smoking among the youth, the role of legislation, role of the church, doctors for doctors and shisha.