

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES & LINKS

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Introduction

The Center for International Programmes and Links (CIPL) started as Office for International Programmes (OIP) in 1995. In 2002 CIPL was established through statute XVII to a fully fledged Centre that it is today. The CIPL under the current re-organisation of the top management office is now in the division of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, in charge of Research, Production and Extension(RPE)

The Centre for International Programmes and Links is charged with the responsibility of initiating, promoting, facilitating and coordinating international programmes and links, staff and student exchanges and mobility, collaborative research projects and worldwide networking. The Centre acts as window for internationalization of the University of Nairobi.

In FY 2010/11 some of the major activities are highlighted:

1. Performance Contract -FY 2010/11

CIPL negotiated the Performance Contract at the beginning of the FY 2010/2011. In the Final Quarter Performance Contract for FY 2010/2011, the Centre managed to achieve beyond its set targets in Operation and Dynamic/qualitative indicators, Service delivery and non financial, financial indicators such as appropriation in aid and cost saving.

Some of the highlights of the Operation indicators that the Centre has performed beyond its targets are as follows: Number of MOUs initiated from colleges- 60, number of MOUs signed- 50, number of foreign students registered- 500, number of fund raising initiatives- 8 (Soka University of Japan and Kalamazoo College of USA, Education International-Belgium, Erasmus Mundus programme, Volda University – Norway, among others.

2. ISO 9001:2008

In the FY 2010/11, CIPL complied with ISO 9001:2008 QMS standards by participating in the internal and surveillance audits on 14th April, 2010. CIPL implemented the non-conformity recommended by the auditor i.e. a customer satisfaction survey has been undertaken both to our UoN customers and our international customers. The selection of the sample of customers and the results will be analyzed quarterly.

3. Tangible achievements

CIPL's mandate is to facilitate collaboration between University of Nairobi and International institutions or organizations, staff and students to study in foreign institutions which saw a total of 10 students and 5 UoN staff facilitated to study abroad. CIPL is in the process of facilitating 2 Masters students, 1 PhD student

and 2 administrative staff under the Erasmus Mundus Programme who will be funded fully by European Commission for study abroad and 2 visiting professors to UoN from Europe in Dental and Engineering fields.

The Centre is also in the process of initiating the Intra-ACP programme funded by the EU for the objective of promoting mobility within African Universities for academic and administrative staff.

CIPL managed to facilitate a number of successful MOUs (9 industry linkages such as IBM- which took 10 top students from School of Business for Internships/employment; Pipal Ltd among others. The MoUs initiated from the six colleges are as follows: CHS-15, CBPS-15, CAE-4 and CHSS-16.

These MOUs resulted in successful projects such as; training of postgraduate students, masters dissertations, clinical research, several scholarships and research grants, support of honorary lecturers, publication of books, consultancy services, student and staff exchanges, Jua kali artisan projects among others. CIPL has facilitated 9 fundraising initiatives that have resulted in a number of scholarships and student exchanges in Volda University from Norway, Soka University -Japan, Kalamazoo College from USA, Education International (EI) and Erasmus Mundus programme.

4 Conferences

CIPL's strategic activities of 2010/2011 included marketing activities of CIPL locally and internationally by use of mass media, websites, workshops and exhibitions. CIPL participated in 2 exhibitions (open day) held in April 2011 both in Kakamega and UoN Main Campus. The Director CIPL also attended several conferences/workshops such as Consortium of 14 ACP Universities countries under the Erasmus Mundus project held in Porto Portugal in October 2010, IGAD in Republic of Djibouti in April 2011 among others. The purpose for the conferences/workshops was for marketing University of Nairobi as a Higher Education Institute for foreign students, collaboration and for fund raising.

5. Staff matters

CIPL has very few staff to enable it operate effectively. There was deployment of a new registry clerk following the transfer of Ms Hilda Moraa to the Central registry. CIPL also is in the process of recruiting a senior secretary to the Director's office following the resigning of Cecilia Wambugu in October 2010.

In FY 2010/11, CIPL complied 100% in competence development by training the Assistant Registrar on HIV prevention, minutes writing and the records clerk also underwent training on records keeping and management. All CIPL staff have also undergone Corruption Prevention training

6. Student Matters

In FY 2010/11, CIPL facilitated enrolment of 500 international students in various programmes. Accommodation for foreign students has always been a limiting issue, even though the University Management Board approved 150 bed spaces for foreign students, the centre will be handling additional responsibility for Master's and Doctoral students on Commonwealth scholarships and possibly Intra ACP mobility sponsored by European Commission.

The Centre also facilitated successfully the University of Nairobi International students Association (UoNISA) elections that took place on 26th November 2010.

7. Visitors to the UON in the Vice-Chancellor's office and CIPL

In FY 2010/11, CIPL facilitated cooperation between University of Nairobi and several international and local partners that saw several visits to the VC's office and the CIPL. These include among others:

A courtesy call to the Director CIPL by Intra ACP Mobility Programme team and visiting American scholar from Harvard University-Thomas Burke. The courtesy calls to the VC included: the Vice-Chancellor, Sydney University, H.E. the Ambassador of Israel, the Vice-Chancellor Tianjin University of China, the Rector Helsinki University, the Executive Secretary General IGAD, Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education, Dr. Mahesh Pradhan of UNEP, Georgia Technical Research Institute, Director IBM Ms. Amanda Garland, Deputy Secretary General Association of Commonwealth, and Prof. Frank Maes of Ghent University, AERC, Nagasaki University, Head of Total University, Paris and German Ambassador to Kenya Margit Hellwig-Boette, among others.

8. Strategic Issues/Challenges

In FY 2010/11, CIPL managed to develop and implement a feedback mechanism for ensuring that MOUs are complied with. However, the Centre faces a challenge of facilitating and coordinating all international projects and inadequate funding of the Centre.

The physical space and the staffing position is a limiting factor for CIPL operations. There is need to get a room or space for establishing an International Student Center and lastly the budget allocated for CIPL is very small to cater for its expenditure.

9. Way forward

The Center for International Programmes and Links will continue to demand full disclosure of all international projects going on in department/schools from the respective Deans/Directors.

All the activities facilitated by the Center for International Programmes and Links should be posted on the university website.

That Marketing agents should be recruited to market University of Nairobi courses internationally in order to attract students here, and initiate online admission. The CIPL will mount awareness programme on its functions at the various colleges of the University.