

Nkozi hosts UNESCO ethics teachers workshop

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Uganda Martyrs University, Nkozi (UMU) has entered a partnership with UNESCO to promote ethical education in universities and tertiary institutions.

The partnership kicked off with a week-long ethics teachers training workshop which took place at the university's main campus in Mpigi last week.

The course was organised by the UNESCO regional office for eastern Africa, in collaboration with Uganda Martyrs University, Nkozi and the Uganda National Commission for UNESCO (UNATICOM).

The course attracted participants from countries, such as Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Nigeria and Philippines.

Speaking during the opening of the workshop, the secretary general of UNATICOM, Rosie Agoi, encouraged tertiary institutions to incorporate ethics in their curriculum so as to promote a moral culture that cuts across professions.

She thanked UMU for hosting the workshop, which she said was the first one of its kind in Uganda.

"Such a course is important as it empowers teachers by introducing them to the teaching of the ethics of sciences and bioethics in general," Agoi said.

The vice-chancellor of UMU, Rev.



Participants of the ethics training course during the opening ceremony. Photo by Mathias Mazinga

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Moral education does not stifle a respective academic course.

Teachers are also expected to exhibit ethical values as they teach students. The greater challenge we have today is to have ethical people who are role models," Maviiri said.

The head of UMU's Institute of Ethics and Development Studies, Fr Dr John Mary Mooka Kamweri, also highlighted the need for all professionals to observe ethical values in order to promote human life, justice, socio-political stability and economic fairness.