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United Nations [8] Under-Secretary General, Dr. Shaaban M. Shaaban exchange MoU with the DVC(SA), Prof. Isaac M. Mbeche [9] of the University of Nairobi [10] for the collaboration between the United Nations [8] and the University of Nairobi [10] in the training of Translators and Conference Interpreters, this being the first such MoU in the African region.

About the Centre

Founded in June 2010, the Centre for Translation and Interpretation (CTI) is a regional postgraduate institution based at the University of Nairobi. It was born out of collaboration between the University of Nairobi [10], the United Nations [8]and the European Union [11] with the mandate to train translators and, conference and community interpreters within the African region.

The core functions of the Centre include training of translators and, conference and community interpreters, research and publication, servicing conferences and consulting. The Centre has modern training facilities with state-of-the –art interpreting booths, a library and a computer laboratory.

The Centre maintains close links with the following international organizations: United Nations [8], European Union [11], European Commission [12] (SCIC), African Union [13] and University of Geneva [14].

Training Programmes

The Centre for Translation and Interpretation offers two professional MA programmes: MA in Translation and MA in Interpretation. These programmes target to train professional Conference Translators and Conference Interpreters for the African and world market. This centre is the only one of its kind in Eastern and Central Africa.

Language combinations offered in these programmes include: English, Kiswahili, French, Arabic, Spanish, German, Portuguese and Chinese.

Minimum Admission Requirements

1. Bachelors Degree (minimum Second Class Upper Division) or equivalent in any academic field of study
2. Bachelors Degree (Second Class Lower Division) or equivalent with a minimum 5 years' working experience
3. Must be proficient in at least two relevant languages from among: **English, Kiswahili, Arabic, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese**.
4. Qualified applicants must pass an aptitude test before admission.

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