

Principal's Remarks during the Opening of the 2nd Student Led Conference on 5th & 6th June 2014

CSDES contribution to CAVS/Achievements on 5th June, 2014

- Through the Centre, the UoN has supported over 10 PhD students in dryland resource management, through partial funding of field research activities, mentorship and linkage with communities of practice in dryland resource management;
- created a learning platform through seminars, website and workshops for students and teaching staff;
- organized experiential courses for undergraduate students in partnership with US-based universities (Colorado State University, Princeton University, University of Michigan and among others)- over 20 students from different disciplines (agriculture, range management, food science, agro-ecosystems, veterinary science and wildlife management) have benefited;
- e-learning course development- a flagship course on sustainable dryland ecosystems is under preparation in collaboration with CSU; student led conference in May 2013;
- infrastructure support by renovating Kibwezi Dryland teaching and research facilities;
- GIS lab for LARMAT (computers and GIS software); among others
- CSDES has in a modest way leveraged resources to support students from under-represented areas (4 students in the last 2 years- 2 male, 2 female).