

Kenya Probation Officers on a Working visit to UNAFRI

Three senior Officials of the Kenya Probation and After Care Services will be on a 5 day working visit to UNAFRI Secretariat in Kampala, Uganda from 1- 6, June 2009. The delegation will include officials led by Mr. Jerim.W. Oloo, Director Probation and Aftercare Services; Mr. Lawrence N. Mugambi, National Coordinator, Community Service Orders, and Mr. Clement Oketch, Acting Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department, Field Services.

The purpose of the visit is to discuss implementation of a research study: “Evaluation of the Community Service Programme in Kenya”, to be undertaken by UNAFRI by cost-sharing strategy.

The evaluative research is expected to commence not long after this visit. It is to be done in four phases beginning with phase one (Experts Meeting) and ending with phase four (Report writing and Dissemination).

The Study is on the request of Kenyan Government but to be coordinated by UNAFRI.

The Programme of activities lined up includes: Orientation to UNAFRI; consultations with their counterparts in the Uganda Community Service Order programme, Uganda Prison Service and other stakeholders such as the civil society organizations, local community leaders and juvenile justice authorities. The other issues to be discussed include: exchange of knowledge on cross border crime trends, non- custodial sentences; decongestion of prisons especially the remand prisoners and other related matters.

Under the auspices of UNAFRI, the delegation will also discuss the possibility of holding a regional meeting for Heads of community corrections in Arusha, Tanzania scheduled for later in the year.

The officers are expected to depart on Saturday, June 6.