

# KEFRI's CHERP hosts an Open Day

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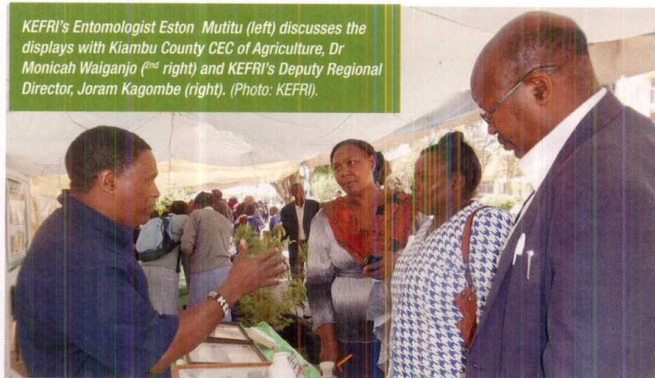
The Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) is mandated to develop technologies that tackle and improve forestry and environmental matters.

The organisation is also mandated to disseminate the research findings to the end-users as well as stakeholders, collaborators and other clientele through different strategies, including Open Days.

According to the performance contract of the Central Highlands Eco-Region Programme (CHERP) of KEFRI, research findings are released every year. It is with this in mind that CHERP organised an Open Day on March 19, 2015 at the KEFRI headquarters grounds.

Displays at the Open Day covered the following sub-themes:

- High quality tree seeds
- Propagation of sandalwood (*Osyris*), bamboo, mukau (*Melia volkensii*) and camphor
- Grafting of indigenous trees (Meru oak)
- Forest health (pathology and entomology)
- Soil analysis and improvement practices



KEFRI's Entomologist Eston Mutitu (left) discusses the displays with Kiambu County CEC of Agriculture, Dr Monicah Waiganjo (center) and KEFRI's Deputy Regional Director, Joram Kagombe (right). (Photo: KEFRI).

- Best farm forestry practices
- Rehabilitation of forests and water towers
- Climate change issues
- Forest products and harvesting
- Non wood products e.g. aloe and indigenous fruits
- Briquette-making and the stages of carbonising; simple drum kilns
- Bamboo processing, timber products and preservation
- Fancy items made from waste wood

Some 900 farmers attended the event. There were also 1,430 students from four universities, 18 secondary schools and 24 primary schools.