

LECTURERS FROM THE SUB-DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH  
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AS COURSE DEVELOPERS

Teaching of 'FOS', French for Special Purposes, for business, for tourism, for diplomacy, and many other areas of interest to learners, is the in-thing. At the cutting edge of this 'FOS' trend in Kenya is, as would be expected, the University of Nairobi's Sub-Department of French, the oldest Kenyan university level French Studies unit. Two of its lecturers, namely, Dr. Caroline Oyugi and Mr. Michael Nginye, successfully completed a course on 'FOS', organised and funded by the French Embassy in Nairobi. Four intensive training sessions spread over one year, commencing in February 2015 and ending in February 2016, were conducted both in Nairobi, Kenya and Besançon, France.



Course participants and their facilitator take a break in Besançon, France in December 2015, their faces beaming with the joy of being empowered with new knowledge and that of imparting the same. Dr. Oyugi, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left and Mr Nginye, 3<sup>rd</sup> from right.

The training culminated in the very arduous task of developing a 'FOS' manual for given specific purposes. While Dr. Oyugi produced a manual for French for Anti-poaching Agents, Mr. Nginye directed his efforts towards how Front Office Operators can perform, in French, their happier duties of dealing with guests.

The Sub-Department of French is extremely proud to be the home to the first lecturers from Kenyan public universities to be recognised by the Paris Chamber of Commerce as qualified 'FOS' course and manual developers. We



Dr Oyugi (above, centre) and Mr. Nginye (right, left of picture) all smiles after receiving their certificate of participation in Besançon, France.

look forward to working with them to come up with and deliver French language courses for other relevant areas. The public is, therefore, invited to indicate to us through our facebook page: [facebook page](#) twitter account: [twitter account](#) or by e-mail: [subdept-french@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:subdept-french@uonbi.ac.ke) for what specific purpose they wish to learn French and we shall be more than willing to serve them with the desired and/or required menu of the beautiful French language.

## Award of Certificate at Alliance Française in Nairobi on June 4, 2015



Dr. Oyugi makes remarks, certificate in hand

Dr. Oyugi is congratulated by the representative - DDIFOS Board of Examiners.



The awrdees from left to right; Millicent Koga – Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (Former Masters student, Sub-Department of French); Dr. Caroline Oyugi – Sub-Department of French, University of Nairobi; Christine T-Matignon – Director of Studies, Alliance Française (Awarded in absentia: Mr. Michael Nginye)



Left to right: Hervé Braneyre – Director, Alliance Française; Johann Robinet – Linguistic Attaché, French Embassy in Kenya; Millicent Koga – Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (Former Sub-Department of French Masters student); Dr. Caroline Oyugi – Sub-Department of French, University of Nairobi; Christine T-Matignon – Director of Studies, Alliance Française; Alexandre Holle – DDIFOS Board of Examiners.