



KEFRI STAFF CLOSE YEAR 2010 IN STYLE



The Director KEFRI Dr. Ben Chikamai addressing KEFRI staff during end of year party

The Director KEFRI, Dr. Ben Chikamai, hosted a staff bonding and end of year party on 10th December 2010. In attendance were Permanent Secretary Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife, Mr. M.A.M. Wamwachai (CBS), members KEFRI Board of Management, KEFRI pioneer Director Dr. Jeff Odera, Deputy Director KARI, representative of the area MP, Provincial Administration, leaders from neighboring key institutions and KEFRI staff.

The party was one of its kind ever organized within the institution and the day's activities included staff bonding, team building and entertainment by Cheche Sounds.

In his opening remarks the Director noted that KEFRI is a fraternity bound together by professional obligation and aims to work towards generation of technologies for forest development.

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"This event, which cascades to all regional centers, brings all cadres of staff together to celebrate our achievements which have brought KEFRI where it is today. It also helps us to bridge the gap between different cadres as we reflect on how we have shared experiences and challenges affecting the Institution", he stated.

The Director termed the year an eventful one where a number of achievements had been attained among them:

- Successful implementation of KEFRI Strategic Plan 2008-2012.
- Adoption of eco-region approach in implementing Research and Development at the regional centres.
- Re-branding of Gede Research Centre to Coast Eco-Region Research Programme was launched in September 2009.
- Lake Victoria Basin Eco-Region Research Programme and the Rift Valley Eco-Region Research Programme will be launched soon.

