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The one week Geo-Information Systems (GIS) and spatial analysis training course sponsored by Centre for Sustainable Dryland Ecosystems and Societies (CSDDES) at the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences (CAVS) will play a very vital role in enabling me carry out my research work effectively.

Before this course I had an introductory course in GIS and remote sensing but was short of actual experience on GIS. The training enabled me to appreciate and acquire knowledge on data collection using GPS, Topo Maps and Surveys and also storage of the said data in Shape files. This imparted on me how to organize, store, access, retrieve, manipulate, synthesize and apply data.

For sustainability purposes, I learnt how to access GIS information and free satellite images for our future needs.

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My PhD research is on Agroforestry and so I will be using GIS to determine both spatial and temporal vegetation cover changes. The GIS software given to me as part of the course package will help me practice for more experience.

Overall, I came out better than before attending the course and it was well timed for execution of my proposed research.

Nicholas Syano (centre) and fellow PhD candidates Kaiira Moses (left) and Charity Konana (right) discuss during the GIS training held at the GIS laboratory.

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