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### **TCC CONTRACTED BY ASSOCIATION OF COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES TO DEVELOP SCIENCE COMMUNICATION MODULE**

Training Centre in Communication (TCC), in partnership with the University of Nairobi has been contracted by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), to develop a Science Communication module, structured for early African researchers.

The module called ***Beyond the university: Communicating and presenting research to non-academic audiences*** will be an on-line skills training course to enhance institutions programme of support to early career researchers.

This project is under the Early Careers: Structured Training for African Researchers (STARS), managed by the ACU. STARS works with African universities to develop and refine professional development for academic staff early in their careers.

According to the ACU, structured, institutional support to early career academics is often lacking within universities. This lack of support can substantially constrain their professional development during a particularly critical period in their career. With a pressing need to help bolster the next generation of academic staff in Africa, providing structured professional development opportunities to staff early in their careers can help strengthen the long-term vitality of research and teaching activities.

This project was made possible by funding from Robert Bosch Stiftung.

#### **About TCC**

TCC is a not-for-profit organization set up in 2006 and is in partnership with the University of Nairobi and is the first African-based Training Centre to teach effective communication skills to scientists in Africa. TCC has its headquarters at the University of Nairobi, Gecaga Institute, Chiromo Campus, and Nairobi, Kenya.

The centre's mission is to contribute to the increase in profile, locally, and internationally, of African science, and its impact on the life of Africans, by improving skills in technical communication in all forms, at academia and other relevant forums, in African countries. To date TCC has trained over 1500 research scientists in Sub Sahara Africa in Scientific and Science Communication.





TCC has also partnered with Kenyatta University, Kenya, in training scientists in communication and publishing. TCC has opened a satellite office in Nigeria in partnership with Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria (OAU), through the

Directorate of Linkages and Sponsored Research. The new office trains research scientists and postgraduate students from the Western Africa sub Saharan region. TCC has also opened an office in South Africa in partnership with The Innovation Hub.

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