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The following is a report on the activities of the Training Centre in Communication (TCC) from January to December 2015. TCC trains scientists in the region in scientific communication and writing and is in partnership with the University of Nairobi through the direct linkage with the School of Biological Sciences (SBS). TCC is also in partnership with Kenyatta University (Kenya) through their Research Capacity Building and Development program (KU RCD), Obafemi Awolowo University Ile Ife (Nigeria) through the Directorate of Linkages and Sponsored Research of the University (West Africa Office) and The Innovation Hub South Africa (South Africa Office).

## WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

### YOUTH CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY BASED ADAPTATION

TCC sponsored the Youth Conference on Community Based Adaptation (CBA) from 27th-29th April 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya. <http://www.acts-net.org/events/cba-youth-conference>. TCC Research Capacity Advisor gave a talk to the young scientist on how to communicate research on #climate change to non- scientists CBA9 science communication.



*Mrs Anuradha Khoda, TCC Research Capacity Advisor facilitates the sponsored workshop at ACTS Conference.*

**TREND in AFRICA WORKSHOP**

TCC participated in TREND In Africa workshop on Science Communication and Writing The venue was at Chancellor College, University of Malawi from 7th – 12th September 2015. 25 researchers from Malawi took part in the workshop



*Above are participants taking part in a practical session on Media interview tips for broadcasting and print facilitated by TCC Trainer Dr Sheila Ochugboju Kaka*

**STRATHMORE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH WEEK**

TCC participated in the Strathmore University Research week in November 2015 Where Ms Florence Sipalla, TCC capacity building Advisor gave a talk on Research Output dissemination.



## LINKAGES

Talks are underway to create partnership with the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA).

Talks are underway to create partnership with Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology, where TCC will offer courses on Proposal writing (resource mobilization) and Grant management and scientific communication and publishing.

Talks are underway to create partnership with the Strathmore University where TCC will be guiding their post graduates students on producing research outputs.

Talks are underway to create partnership with Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology, where TCC will offer courses on Proposal writing (resource mobilization) and Grant management and scientific communication and publishing.

Talks are underway to create partnership with Egerton University, where TCC in collaboration with the Research office will be offering scientific communication and publishing courses.

### **Confirmed**

TCC is now in partnership with Association of Commonwealth University where TCC providing consultative training online modules on science communication in twelve (12) African countries.

TCC is in partnership with NMG (Nation Media Group)

## CONSULTANCIES

There were three consultancies, undertaken in the first quarter:

**FANRPAN**- They consulted TCC to assist in building capacity in Science Communication for their Climate Change Leaders. 23-27 February 2015 held in the main office in South Africa. This was the second consultancy TCC was doing after the first one that took place between July and September 2014 in five southern Africa countries namely: Lesotho, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

**IDRC/GHRI** – TCC was consulted to do a training on Science communication which entails communicating to non-scientist, the media and policy makers. The workshop was for communication officers in various institutions in Africa and was held in Nairobi Kenya.

**CTA** – TCC concluded the entire project of training on web 2.0 tools for communication in Puntland this quarter after successfully doing the same in Somalia and Somaliland in 2014.



**Below are highlights of the three consultancies**

TCC in partnership GHRI- Global Health Research Institute held a training on Science communication-communicating to non-scientist, 5-8 January 2015.



*Dr. Sheila Ochugboju (TCC trainer) assisting in a group discussion.*

TCC was also contacted by Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN) to assist in building capacity in Science Communication for their Climate Change Leaders. 23-27 February 2015.



*Participants producing communication outputs as well as sharing their experiences (exercise)*

TCC in partnership with CTA conducted a training on web 2.0 tools for communication in Puntland state University, Garowe on 2-6 February 2015.



*Trainees from Puntland taking notes during the training on the importance of Blogging.*

### MARKETING ACTIVITIES

Part of TCC's growth strategy involves marketing and visibility in conferences and workshops with existing collaborators. It is essential, to emphasize our collaboration with our partners, beyond the training activities we conduct for their staff.

- TCC sponsored the 5th KEMRI Annual Scientific & Health Conference, held at the Kenya Medical Research Institute, Nairobi. Training Centre in Communication has been building capacity in Science Communication for KEMRI staff since 2006



*Ms. Jackline Sudi (TCC marketing officer) explaining to KEMRI staff on our activities.*



*Ms. Valeria Oluoch (TCC marketing officer) explaining to the youth that attended the Community Based Adaptation (CBA) conference TCC activities and training calendar for 2015.*

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- TCC sponsored the Gertrude's Hospital Foundation Mombasa Charity Golf Tournament that was held in May at Vipingo Ridge Resort, Mombasa. TCC has been working with Gertrude Gardens Children Hospital since 2006.



*TCC Team golfers at the Gertrude Gardens Golf Tournament*

## TRAINING CENTRE IN COMMUNICATION ANNUAL REPORT 2015

- TCC supported Car No 20 at the [RhinoCharge](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhino_Charge) , an off road motorsport competition held in Kenya, organized by the Charitable Trust Rhino Ark. The event raises funds for the construction of the Aberdare Fence, in a bid to save the dwindling Rhino Population at the Aberdare National Park [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhino\\_Charge](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhino_Charge).



- TCC sponsored the Gertrude's Hospital Foundation Gertrude's Hospital Foundation 25th Annual Charity Golf Tournament that was Muthaiga Golf Club, Nairobi, 18th September 2015. We have been working with Gertrude Garden's Children Hospital in communicating their research since 2006. The hospital has the largest pediatric endocrinology programme in Africa.









## TRAINING CENTRE IN COMMUNICATION ANNUAL REPORT 2015

- TCC sponsored Strathmore Research Week 18-20 November 2015.



*Tcc marketing team, Ms Jackie Sudi and Ms Ruth Mwanicha at the exhibition tent.*

**EVENTS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Kenya (Eastern Africa)**

**University of Nairobi**

TCC held a course in scientific communication and publishing from 16-20 February 2015 at the University of Nairobi (UON) Chiromo campus. A total of 9 participants were trained as follows:-

INSTITUTION	GENDER	
	MALE	FEMALE
Gertrude's Children Hospital	1	4
University Of Nairobi	3	1
<u>Nationalities</u>		
<u>NATIONALITY</u> <u>NUMBER</u>		
KENYAN	7	
SUDAN	2	



*Trainees listening to a presentation by fellow participant.*



*Participants doing an exercise on scientific posters*

## TRAINING CENTRE IN COMMUNICATION ANNUAL REPORT 2015

- TCC held a course in scientific communication and publishing from 18-22 May 2015 at the University of Nairobi (UON) Chiromo campus. A total of 9 participants were trained as follows:-

INSTITUTION	GENDER	
	MALE	FEMALE

University of Maryland	1	0
University Of Nairobi	2	3
Makerere University	1	0
International Labor Organization	0	1
VACID AFRICA	0	1

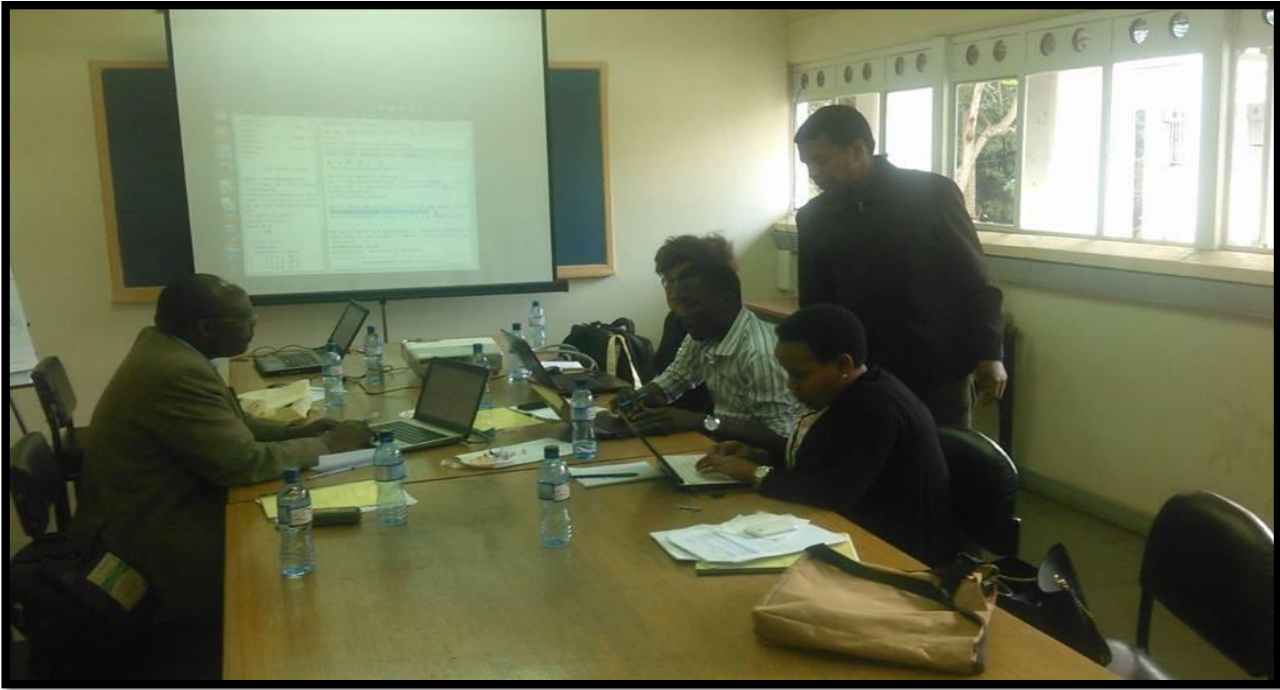
<u>Nationalities</u>	
<u>NATIONALITY</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
KENYAN	8
UGANDAN	1



*Participants during the exercise in Oral Communication, presentation and networking in conferences*

## TRAINING CENTRE IN COMMUNICATION ANNUAL REPORT 2015

- TCC launched a course on Data Analysis and Graphical for data presentation which started from 6-7 July 2015 at the University of Nairobi (UON) Chiromo campus. A total of 5 researchers were trained.



*Participants keying in data during the R- programming language session by Mr. Agullo.*



## TRAINING CENTRE IN COMMUNICATION ANNUAL REPORT 2015

- TCC held a course in Proposal writing and grant management, oral communication, 27-30 July 2015 at the University of Nairobi (UON) Chiromo campus. A total of 9 participants were trained as follows:-

INSTITUTION	GENDER	
	MALE	FEMALE

Koppert Biological system(K) Ltd	2	1
University Of Nairobi	2	1
International Livestock Research Institute	3	0

<u>Nationalities</u>	
<u>NATIONALITY</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
KENYAN	9



*Participants during the exercise on grant management*

TRAINING CENTRE IN COMMUNICATION ANNUAL REPORT 2015

TCC held a course in Scientific communication and publishing, 17-21 August 2015 at the University of Nairobi (UON) Chiromo campus. A total of 10 participants were trained as follows:-

INSTITUTION	GENDER	
	MALE	FEMALE

University of Nairobi	3	3
KCA University	3	0
ICRAF	0	1

<u>Nationalities</u>	
<u>NATIONALITY</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
KENYAN	10



*Participants during the poster session by Joy Owango.*

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- TCC has employed a messenger to handle all the courier services.
- Gecaga Institute, where TCC is housed is currently being renovated.
- TCC has introduced a new department focusing on Research Capacity Advisory activities. The new department has contracted five Research Capacity Advisors, to handle the following components within TCC:
  - (a)** Training of trainers and pedagogical skills training
  - (b)** Resource mobilization and grants management
  - (c)** Communicating to non-scientists
  - (d)** Technical Communication

The objective of the Research Capacity Advisors, is to work closely with the Programmes Office, in achieving TCC's objectives, in networking with our collaborators.

## **WORK STUDY PROGRAMME**

Felix Abdalla the work study recipient graduated on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015, with masters in *Comparative Autecology of Selected Tree species using leaf and wood traits within nine forest fragments of the Taita Hills.*

## **CHALLENGES**

The Land line telephone systems in the office are yet to be connected since 2011.

The TCC building (Gecaga Institute) is in the process of renovation though at a slow pace, it's now seven months. The project seem to have stall.

**The next report will be from January to March 2016**