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The following is an annual progress report on the activities of Training Centre in Communication in the year 2018. T.C.C is the first African-based training centre with an aim to increase capacity for research output by training scientist on effective communication tools. We are in partnership with the University of Nairobi, through a direct link with the School of Biological Sciences . Additionally, T.C.C is in consortium with Kenyatta University (Kenya) through their Research Capacity Building and Development Programme (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).

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## 1.0 Training Centre in Communication Activities within the University Of Nairobi

### 1.1. Science Communication; Communicating to Non-Scientists, Policy Markers, and Media: University of Nairobi workshop (College of Biological and Physical Sciences)

Training Centre in Communication organized a two day training on Science Communication; Communicating to Non-Scientists, Policy Markers, and Media from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018. The training was held in the University of Nairobi, College of Biological and Physical Sciences where a total of 7 (seven) senior University of Nairobi staff attended. The participants were taken through Policy Briefs, Newsletters, E-brochures among other related fields which covered the aspects of translating the technical research work to a policy maker, to Opinion Editorials, the media and the general public.



*A Participant sharing his views on how to communicate to non-scientists.*



### **1.2. Scientific Communication and Publishing: University of Nairobi Workshop (College of Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences)**

TCC also organized a cohort training on Scientific Communication and Publishing Course in the University of Nairobi, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences- Upper Kabete from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018. A total of 16 (sixteen) postgraduates from Faculty of Agriculture and the Faculty of Veterinary medicine attended the training. Student mobilization was done through the office of the college Principal, Prof. Stephen Kiama. Among the topics the students are taken through are: scientific writing and publishing, Data Analysis and Presentation and Research proposal writing and preparation for thesis defense.



*Participants engaging in a group discussion on Oral Presentation*

### **1.3. Scientific Communication and Publishing: University of Nairobi (College of Biological and Physical Sciences)**

TCC conducted a 5-day training on Scientific Communication and publishing in the College of Biological and physical Sciences, University of Nairobi. The training which attracted a total of 11 postgraduates (both Masters and PhD. Levels) and corporate representatives was conducted from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May. The workshop was aimed at assisting the participants develop necessary skills in writing scientific papers, thesis, and proposals as well as communicate scientific information in both written and oral

forms. Topics such as data analysis and presentation, publishing process, proposal writing stages and publishing process, among others, were covered.



*Participants critiquing titles for a Scientific Writing exercise*

#### **1.4. Scientific Communication and Publishing: University of Nairobi Workshop (College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences)**

TCC conducted a 5-day training on Scientific Communication and publishing in the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Science, University of Nairobi. The training which attracted a total of 12 postgraduates (both Masters and PhD. Levels) and corporate representatives from Getrudes Hospital was conducted from the 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August. The workshop was aimed at assisting the participants develop necessary skills in writing scientific papers, thesis, and proposals as well as communicate scientific information in both written and oral forms. Topics such as data analysis and presentation, publishing process, proposal writing stages and publishing process, among others, were covered.



*Mr Paul Odiwor, preparing a poster for a session*

### **1.5. Scientific Writing and Publishing: University of Nairobi (College of Biological and Physical Science)**

TCC conducted a one day workshop on Scientific Writing and Publishing as part of celebrating 10 years in scientific and research capacity building. The workshop was conducted in the College of Biological and Physical Sciences. The training attracted a total of twenty two (22) postgraduates and researchers from research institutions such as University of Gezira (Sudan), Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), Institute of Primate Research (IPR), Kenya Forestry and Research Institute (KEFRI) Kenya Marines and Fisheries Research Institute (KEMFRI), University of Nairobi, and Catholic University.

The workshop focused on equipping the researchers with necessary information and skills necessary on writing scientific papers, thesis, and proposals as well as the publishing process.





*Ms. Anne Marie Nyamu taking the participants through Manuscript submission process.*

## **2.0. CONSULTANCIES**

### **2.1. Grant Writing and Management: MAWAZO Institute**

Training Centre in Communication conducted a training with the Mawazo Institute(<http://mawazoinstitute.org/>) on July 31, 2018. Mawazo Institute seeks to support the next generation of female thought leaders and scholars in Africa, and get policymakers and the public engaged with their research. The training was focused on Grant Writing and Management as well as scientific writing.





*Professor Washington Ochola taking Mawazo participants through Grants Writing and Management.*

## **2.2. Scientific Writing and Publishing: DAAD Kenya Workshop**

TCC was contracted by the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) which is a German Academic Exchange Service to train DAAD scholars in research output dissemination. This was done through training in the following thematic areas addressing their most needs in writing their thesis as well as publishing in peer-reviewed journals.

- Scientific writing and publishing
- E-Resources training
- Data management and translation
- Oral communication and presenting in conferences
- Research proposal writing and thesis defending techniques.

The training was conducted at The Emory Hotel, where a total of 83 DAAD beneficiaries studying and conducting their research in Kenya attended.



*DAAD Participants discussing in one of the sessions*

## **2.2. Scientific Writing and Publishing: DAAD Uganda Workshop**

Training Centre in Communication conducted a training for DAAD- Uganda beneficiaries on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 to 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. The training which was conducted in Kampala, Uganda attracted fifty (50) participants involved in diverse research fields from Mbarara University and Makerere University. The workshop was centered on Scientific Writing, Communication and Publishing. Among the topics that were covered were:

- Scientific Writing and Publishing.
- E- Resources.
- Data analysis, presentation and translation.
- Research Proposal writing and thesis defense techniques.
- Oral Communication and poster design and presentations.



*Participants holding a group discussion.*

### **2.3. Resource Mobilization Workshop: Machakos University**

The training Centre in Communication held a three day workshop at Machakos University from 17<sup>th</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 where they trained forty five (45) staff of the University. The training was conducted on the University grounds where the staff was trained on Proposal writing.





*Mr. Charles Kaduwa taking Machakos University staff through the writing process.*

#### **2.4 SCIENCE COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP: TANZANIA COMMISSION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (COSTECH)**

The Training Centre in Communication conducted a five day workshop for the Tanzania Commission of Science and Technology (COSTECH) from the 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. The training was tailor-made for the seven COSTECH staff in attendance where they were taken through various aspects of science communication.



*Dr. Cecilia taking the participants through the session*

### **3.0 WORK STUDY PROGRAMME**

Training Centre in Communication in collaboration with the College of Biological and Physical Sciences (CBPS) Principal's office, headed by Prof. Bernard O. Aduda, as well as Prof. P. N. Ndegwa, the director of School of Biological Sciences agreed to be admitting an undergraduate student for internship for a three (3) month period. The current workstudy beneficiary is Mr. Isaiah Guchu Njoroge currently a fourth year undertaking a BSc Botany and Zoology at the School of Biological Sciences.



*Mr. Isaiah Guchu Njoroge; a fourth year undertaking a BSc Botany and Zoology*

#### **4.0 Marketing Strategies**

TCC's growth strategy involves marketing and visibility in exhibitions with existing partners. However in this quarter TCC did not participate in any exhibition but strategically employ the TCC Research capacity Advisor to create more partners with projects within the universities.



## **5.0 CONCLUSION.**

This has been a good year where all our plans were realized. The Training Centre in Communication Secretariat hopes to translate this into the next year.

The next quarterly report will be from January to March, 2019.