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The following is a report on the activities of the Training Centre in Communication (TCC) from January to December 2014. 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

NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FAIR

TCC participated in the 16th Nairobi International Education Fair 2014, on 13 -16 March 2014 with TCC partner. UNES Kenya Ltd.



KEMRI ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC & HEALTH CONFERENCE

TCC also participated and sponsored the 4th KEMRI Annual Scientific & Health conference.



CEO KEMRI (RIGHT) Dr.Mwandawiro chats with TCC Director, Joy Owango (LEFT) during The 4th Annual Scientific and Health Conference

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI OPEN DAY

TCC participated in the 5th University of Nairobi Open Day 2014 in partnership with UNES-KENYA (University of Nairobi Enterprise Services) as from 8th to 10th April 2014.



TCC shared a stand with the University of Nairobi Enterprises Services at the University Fair

KENYATTA NATIONAL HOSPITAL (KNH) & UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI SYMPOSIUM

TCC also participated in the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) & University of Nairobi, College of Health Sciences Medical health Symposium. TCC sponsored the event through the partnership with KNH which was attended by medical doctors from the entire country who mainly discussed the emerging health concerns in the health sectors. During the event, TCC was represented by marketing officer.



During the session, the participants discussing on the advances on internal medicine.

SCIDEV. NET SUB- SAHARAN AFRICA ENGLISH EDITION

TCC participated in the SciDev.Net Sub- Saharan Africa English Edition. The discussion was on ***'the future of science and technology in African: Can African science lead in global development?'*** This event was held at Panafric Hotel on 24th September 2014.

TCC was participated in the Open and Collaborative Science in Development Network (OCSD) launch. This is an interactive network aiming to gather observations on whether, and which conditions, open approaches to research and collaboration could lead to various development outcomes in the Global South. This event was held at IHUB- Nairobi's Innovation Hub on 15th October 2014.

LINKAGES

In Process.

- ✓ Talks are underway to create a partnership between Presbyterian University of East Africa-Kenya and The East Africa University and TCC where TCC will offer courses on scientific communication and Publishing.
- ✓ Talks are underway to create partnership with Jomo Kenyatta University Agriculture and Technology where TCC will offer courses on scientific communication and publishing.
- ✓ Talks are underway in partnering with Nation Media Group, in building capacity in Science Communication.
- ✓ TCC is in the process of partnering with CTA in building capacity in science communication through training on Web 2.0 Tools to communicate research.
- ✓ Talks are underway to create partnership with the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA).
- ✓ Talks are underway to create partnership with Co operative University College of Kenya, a constituent college of Jomo Kenyatta University Agriculture and Technology where TCC will offer courses on Proposal writing(resource mobilization) and Grant management and Communication

Confirmed

- ✓ TCC is now in partnership with the Association of Commonwealth University where TCC will provide consultative online training and content development on Science Communication within 12 African Universities
- ✓ TCC is in partnership with the National council Science and Technology, now the National Commission for Science Technology and Innovation
- ✓ TCC is in partnership with CTA (Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation)

CONSULTANCIES

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO-SWALIM)

TCC was contracted to train scientists by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations-Somalia Water and Land Information Management (FAO-SWALIM)



FAO-SWALIM staff during TCC training (Oral communication exercise)

FANPRAN

TCC was contracted to train scientists in five countries on *Developing CSA Policy briefs and other research based communication products* by Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN- <http://www.fanrpan.org/>).



TCC trainer, Alex Muriu with FANRPAN staff, Mozambique during TCC training



Press cutting of the FANRPAN training in Swaziland and Lesotho

INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ILRI)

TCC was contracted to train scientists by College of Agricultural and Veterinary Studies (CAVS), University of Nairobi, Faculty of Agriculture through the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) to train post graduate students on scientific communication and publishing held at CAVS on 2-4 July 2014. TCC through its partnership with the International Livestock Research Institute managed to train 37 ILRI fellows in within East Africa on scientific writing and publish. This was done in two phases, i.e. 25-26 November 2014 and 2-3 December 2014 at ILRI headquarters Nairobi, Kenya.

CTA - TECHNICAL CENTRE FOR AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL COOPERATION

TCC with its partner CTA - Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation held the first training on the use of web 2.0 tools to communicate research at Gollis University (<http://www.gollisuniversity.com/>), Somalia on 24-28 November 2014. The next training will be in Puntland.



The participants keenly watching a video on the impact of Web 2.0 to a community in Somali Land

TCC with its partner CTA - Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation held training on the use of web 2.0 tools to communicate research at SIMAD University, Somalia on 22-26 September 2014.



Mr. Musakali Juma, TCC trainer explaining a point to a participant during the CTA/TCC training



Joy Owango, TCC centre manager with Dr. Ismail Osman, the Director General of Higher Education, Somalia.



Mr. John Kamanu(TCC trainer) explaining a point on scientometrics



NACOSTI

TCC was also contracted by its partner Institution, the National Commission for Science Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI) to train their senior staff on Proposal Writing (Resource Mobilization) and Grants Management held on 13-15 August 2014 held at the NACOSTI Conference room.



NACOSTI acting CEO, Dr Moses Ruggut explaining the necessity for resource mobilization in the institution. Sitting at the far Right is Mr. Charles Kaduwa TCC trainer.

EVENTS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Kenya (Eastern Africa)

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

TCC held a course in scientific communication and publishing from 17-21 February 2014 at the University of Nairobi (UON) College of Agriculture and Veterinary studies. A total of 12 participants were trained as follows:-

| INSTITUTION | GENDER | |
|---|--------|--------|
| | MALE | FEMALE |
| CONSORTIUM FOR NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH(CNHR) | 0 | 1 |
| TEA RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF KENYA | 1 | 0 |
| UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI-KENYA | 6 | 4 |

| <u>Nationalities</u> | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>NATIONALITY</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> |
| KENYAN | 10 |
| RWANDESE | 1 |
| SUDANESE | 1 |



Dr. Januarius Agullo, TCC trainer during the Scientific Communication and Publishing course.

- TCC and UNES Kenya held a course in “Proposal Writing Grant Management and Oral Communication and presentation from 25th to 28th February 2014 at the University of Nairobi (UON), TCC Board Room.

Total of (6) participants were trained as follows:-

| INSTITUTION | GENDER | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | MALE | FEMALE |
| KENYA MEDICALRESEARCH INSTITUTE | 4 | 0 |
| HEALTH RIGHT INTERNATIONAL | 1 | 0 |
| PROBATION & AFTERCARE SERVICE | 0 | 1 |

| <u>Nationalities</u> | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| <u>NATIONALITY</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> |
| KENYAN | 6 |



Participants doing the assignment given out during the training of 25th to 28th Feb 2014 at TCC Training room

SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION AND PUBLISHING

TCC held a course in scientific communication and publishing from 12-16 May 2014 at the University Of Nairobi (UON). A total of 16 participants were trained as follows:-

| INSTITUTION | GENDER | |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | MALE | FEMALE |
| GERTRUDE'S CHILDREN HOSPITAL | 1 | 5 |
| WORLD AGROFORESTRY CENTRE(ICRAF) | 0 | 1 |
| UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI-KENYA | 6 | 3 |
| JOMO KENYATTA FOUNDATION | 1 | 0 |

| <u>Nationalities</u> | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>NATIONALITY</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> |
| KENYAN | 11 |
| NIGERIA | 2 |
| SUDANESE | 2 |
| CONGOLESE | 1 |



(FROM R to L) Ms Joy Owango, Centre manager, Mr. Charles Kaduwa, TCC Trainer and a participant receiving certificate during scientific communication and publishing course held at TCC Boardroom, at Chiromo Campus, University of Nairobi.

- TCC held a course in **scientific communication and publishing** from 25-29 August 2014 at the University of Nairobi (UON) College of Agriculture and Veterinary studies. TCC invited Thomson Reuters Intellectual Property and Science Division to talk about the importance of Web of Science in research and the publishing process. A total of 14 participants were trained as follows:-

| INSTITUTION | GENDER | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | MALE | FEMALE |
| KENYA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE | 4 | 0 |
| GERTRUDES CHILDREN HOSPITAL | 0 | 1 |
| UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI | 4 | 5 |

| <u>Nationalities</u> | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| <u>NATIONALITY</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> |
| KENYAN | 14 |



Participants taking notes during scientific communication and publishing course.

- TCC held a course in scientific writing and publishing from 13-16 October 2014 at the University of Nairobi(UON) Chiromo campus. TCC invited Thomson Reuters Intellectual Property and Science Division to talk about the importance of Web of Science in research and the publishing process. A total of 5 participants were trained as follows:-

| | MALE | FEMALE |
|--|------|--------|
| International Fertilizer Development Centre-IFDC | 1 | 1 |
| Technical University of Mombasa | 1 | 0 |
| University Of Nairobi | 1 | 0 |
| KEMRI/CDC | 0 | 1 |

| <u>Nationalities</u> | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| <u>NATIONALITY</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> |
| KENYAN | 3 |
| UGANDA | 2 |



Participants taking notes during the Scientific Writing and Publishing course.

- TCC held a course in scientific communication and publishing from 15-19 December 2014 at the University of Nairobi (UON) Chiromo campus. TCC invited Thomson Reuters Intellectual Property and Science Division to talk about the importance of Web of Science in research and the publishing process. A total of 5 participants were trained as follows:-

| | MALE | FEMALE |
|--------------------------------|------|--------|
| United Nations Population Fund | 1 | 0 |
| Central Bank of Kenya | 0 | 1 |
| University Of Nairobi | 2 | 1 |

| <u>Nationalities</u> | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| <u>NATIONALITY</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> |
| KENYAN | 4 |
| UGANDA | 1 |



Participants taking notes during the Scientific Communication and Publishing course



Participant presenting his work at Research Africa during Resource mobilization unit

ADMINISTRATION

(a) Office matters

TCC employed a messenger/administrative assistant, so as to reduce costs on hiring a courier service company

b) Work Study

Felix Abdalla the postgraduate work study recipient is finalizing his MSc. Thesis on Research done on the Taita Hills Forests and has submitted to his supervisors awaiting for approval for defense

c) Challenges

- The Land line telephone systems in the office are yet to be connected since 2011.
- Due to the increase on insecurity in the country, there have been low turnout of participation from outside the country for TCC courses.
- No training and conference TCC could participate in west Africa satellite office because of Travelling advisory to west Africa due to ebola.

The next report will be from January to March 2015