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Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga The 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of East African Community Affairs Republic of Uganda, IUCEA Executive Secretary Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona and Ambassadors of Republic of South Sudan and Burundi

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) held a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the second phase of its Headquarters in Kampala. The project worth over USD 8.4 million is expected to be completed within 18 months.

Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony held at IUCEA

Headquarters in Kampala, the Chief Guest, the 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East African Community (EAC) Affairs, Republic of Uganda, Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga reiterated the commitment of EAC Partner States to support IUCEA to deliver its mandate including the operationalization of the EAC Common Higher Education Area. She commended IUCEA for

supporting regional integration through harmonization and quality assurance of the higher education system and supporting regional mobility of staff and students in universities and other tertiary institutions. "Higher Education should ensure increased access to relevant education, improve the competitiveness of graduates, ensure comparability and



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acceptability of qualifications and graduates,” Kadaga said.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by high-level dignitaries from EAC Partner States including representatives from Burundi, Kenya, South Sudan, Tanzania, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Uganda.

The Executive Director, of the Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA), Ms. Wanjiru Mwita, who represented the EAC secretary General, said the new facilities will enhance collaboration among higher education institutions through research and innovation.

The Executive Secretary, of IUCEA, Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona appreciated the Government and the



Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, in the middle, IUCEA Executive Secretary (Left) and the Executive Secretary CASSOA

citizens of Uganda for the support they have given IUCEA over the years. “I wish to pay special tribute to the Government of the Republic of Uganda, our host through the Ministry of Education and Sports, for offering to IUCEA this land on which our offices sit and in which we shall witness the groundbreaking ceremony,” Prof. Banyankimbona said.

The Deputy Chairperson, of the IUCEA Executive Committee, Prof. John Mugisha, said he hoped the new building will provide facilities that can

be used by universities, researchers, and all other stakeholders to advance quality higher education and integration agenda.

The IUCEA new building facility will sit on part of the 5-acre piece of land at Kyambogo Hill in Kampala. It will include offices, a resource centre, an innovation and incubation centre for research, a cafeteria, a conference hall, and a data centre. The land was offered by the Government of Uganda as part of its commitment to host the body as an institution of EAC.



IUCEA Staff with Rt. Hon. Minister Rebecca Kadaga

East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Network (EAQAN) Forum Held in Bujumbura, Burundi



IUCEA Executive Secretary, Permanent Secretary Minister of Education Republic of Burundi, DAAD Representative, OBREAL Global representative and EAQAN outgoing president in Bujumbura, Burundi September 2023.

The 12th Annual East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Forum kicked off in Bujumbura, Burundi under the theme: "Nurturing Emerging Trends in Higher Education through Quality Assurance".

The Forum provides the opportunity for higher education professionals, experts, and other stakeholders in the East African Community to reflect on the place of quality assurance in nurturing emerging trends in higher education not only in the region but the continent and

beyond. The conference is attended by Heads of National Commissions and Councils for Higher Education, Vice Chancellors, other higher education managers, quality assurance coordinators and partitioners, higher education développement partners, and other invited experts who presented the results of their research on various topics including transformative teaching and learning in higher education, program accreditation, competency-based education, ethics in online delivery, role of

Quality Assurance in research and innovation in higher education among others.

"I am glad to learn that the forum has been organized in such a way that, apart from discussions, we will also have a room for experience sharing, good practices excursions, benchmarking, reflections, and networking, with a focus on giving higher education an opportunity to reflect on the place of quality assurance in higher education," said Prof. Frederic Bangirinama, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry





IUCEA Executive Secretary Prof. Gaspard addressing the press at Queens Conference Center in Bujumbura, Burundi September 2023

“Prof. Mike Kuria challenged the participants to reflect on the place of the current Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) systems in higher education institutions in responding to the emerging issues in higher education including the issue of Artificial Intelligence”

of National Education and Scientific Research, Republic of Burundi.

“As the Inter-University Council for East Africa, we believe in the potential power of networks like the East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Network as a tool to advance a common agenda. Their roles can widely vary but their collective impact is significant in driving positive change and addressing complex challenges like the ones the region is currently facing

as we forge our way to improve quality education and build a more resilient and competitive EAC higher education,” said Prof. Banyankimbona.

The Keynote Speaker, Prof. Mike Kuria – the Chief Executive Officer, the Commission for University Education, Kenya challenged the participants to reflect on the place of the current Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) systems in higher education institutions in responding to the emerging issues in higher education including the issue of Artificial Intelligence. He warned the higher education policymakers and managers on Africa’s youth Bulge; “They can be Gold at the bottom if well skilled and employed or employable or they can be ticking time bomb if wrongly skilled and thus unemployed and unemployable” said Prof. Kuria.

“The 12th EAQAN forum came up with sound recommendations and statements of commitment from higher education quality assurance practitioners and higher education managers to not only confront challenges that impede the achievement of the goal to establish and maintain quality assurance in higher education but also constraints that hinder desired transformations in higher education,” said Dr. Baguma, President of EAQAN.



A group Photo of IUCEA Executive Secretary with Stakeholders and Partners at EAQAN 12th Forum in Bujumbura, Burundi September 2023

IUCEA Advances Collaboration and Development of Higher Education in EAC

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) is an institution of the East African Community established by the IUCEA Protocol, 2002 and the IUCEA Act, 2009. Its mandate is to advise the East African Community (EAC) Partner States on higher education matters to contribute to the strategic development of higher education and research in the region. IUCEA is a member-based institution that facilitates networking among universities and other degree-awarding institutions by providing a forum for discussion on a wide range of academic and other matters relating to higher education.

It was historically founded to serve as an enabling platform for collaboration between higher learning institutions

in East Africa. Then called the Inter-University Committee (IUC), IUCEA initially began with only three member universities, namely Makerere University, University of Nairobi, and University of Dar-es-salaam, which were established after the collapse of the University of East Africa in 1980. Hence the existence of IUCEA is strongly rooted in its strong membership base. All universities and degree-awarding institutions that are recognized by national higher education regulatory bodies within EAC are eligible to apply for IUCEA membership. With the expanding EAC community, IUCEA has the potential to be one the largest membership-based higher education organizations in the region in terms of the number of members it can potentially serve.

Six Strategic Objectives of IUCEA

- 1 Advocate for and foster the implementation of the EAC Common Higher Education Area.
- 2 Establish and implement university leadership training programmes in the region for world-class postgraduate supervision, teaching, and learning.
- 3 Establish and implement a regional information hub for integrated higher education.
- 4 Advocate for a digital learning infrastructure that focuses on enhancing the quality and innovation of teaching and learning in higher learning institutions in EAC.
- 5 Develop universities, research and innovation centres' capacity for regional research and innovation that cater for a balance between knowledge generation and product/policy innovation in collaboration with industries and other stakeholders.
- 6 Strengthen the institutional capacity and governance of IUCEA to discharge its mandate effectively and efficiently.

VISION

To become the leading EAC Institution for an exemplary Common Higher Education Area for a prosperous and sustainable East African Community.

MISSION

To encourage and develop mutually beneficial collaboration between Member Universities and between them and Governments and other organisations, both public and private.

FUNCTIONS OF IUCEA

IUCEA was instrumental in coordinating the transformation of EAC into a Common Higher Education Area, which was declared by the EAC Heads of State Summit on May 20, 2017, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. IUCEA has developed several instruments for establishing comparable, compatible, coherent, and harmonized higher education systems.

In its efforts to implement the EAC Common Higher Education Area, IUCEA has prioritized quite a number of project and programmes including but not limited to the following:

A. Quality Assurance and Regional Accreditation

In collaboration with National Commissions and Councils for Higher Education in the EAC Partner States, IUCEA has developed a quality-based regional accreditation framework for academic programmes. IUCEA has also developed several benchmarks in various disciplines for Bachelor, master's, and PhD programmes free for use by universities as they develop their curriculum.

B. Staff and Student Mobility Programme

- 1) IUCEA facilitates university professors to move to other EAC partner states to support member universities in teaching and research activities and community engagement.
- 2) IUCEA promotes the free movement of students within EAC by providing scholarships and formulating supportive policies.

C. Research Coordination and Collaboration

In collaboration with various partners, IUCEA coordinates research projects for the socio-economic development of the East African Community.

D. Higher Education Information Sharing

IUCEA has developed a Higher Education Information Management System and the East African Qualifications Register which are some of the instruments for operationalizing the East African Qualifications Framework for Higher Education (EAQFHE)

E. Capacity Building Programmes

IUCEA undertakes capacity-building programmes for university faculty. Some of the programmes include Experts Training of Trainers on Quality supervision of Postgraduate studies.

Scholarships

Under its students' mobility program, IUCEA is currently implementing several scholarship projects that support East African students to pursue their studies at all levels in countries other than their own to promote regional integration in the EAC and beyond.

EAC Scholarship Programme

IUCEA, through the EAC Scholarship Programme, provides scholarships to young East Africans to study at eligible universities in the EAC region outside their native country, contributing to the promotion of the EAC regional integration

agenda. The Programme aims to create future change agents for EAC integration, encourage the regional mobility of students through enrolment in a university of their choice in an EAC Partner State other than their own without paying extra tuition fees and promote the participation of female students (at least 30%).

The Programme is in its first phase with EUR 5 million in funding from the Federal Republic of Germany. So far, 180 master's students (i.e., 30 from each of the 6 EAC countries of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania & Uganda) have benefited from the scholarship, of which 71 (39%) are females. Out of the 180 students, 40 (22%) were enrolled in participating universities in Uganda. Eleven (11) universities in the region with thirty-six (36) eligible study programmes in priority areas of Mathematics, Engineering, Informatics, Science, Technology and Business Science are currently participating in the Programme. A second phase of EUR 9 million was approved. In that phase, more universities/ programmes shall be added.

IUCEA-Kyundong University South Korea Scholarship

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) awarded scholarships

to East African nationals from the six (6) East African Community Partner States of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania & Uganda.

The applications originated from the 7 Partner States of the EAC. The applicants were subjected to a rigorous selection process involving pre-admission into the university and scholarship assessment. This was followed by oral interviews conducted virtually by Kyungdong University South Korea.

In the amended MoU between IUCEA-KDU, Kyungdong University will provide accommodation to students for 2 years and after the first two years, Kyungdong University will assist students to find jobs and pay for themselves for the remaining 2 years. IUCEA facilitates students with insurance, and their travel back to their home countries after the first 2 years and going back to resume studies for the remaining 2 years.

The first cohort graduated on the 11/08/2023. Among those who graduated are 5 from Uganda, 5 from South Sudan, 4 from Burundi, 4 from Rwanda, 4 from Kenya and 3 from United Republic of Tanzania respectively.

IUCEA-EASTRIP Project

The East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) is a five-year project funded by the world Bank and the Governments of Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania to increase the access and improve the quality and relevance of TVET programs in selected Regional Flagship TVET Institutes and to support regional integration in East Africa.

The project supports development of highly specialised diploma and degree TVET programmes for training technicians and faculty, as well as industry-recognised short-term training, targeting priority

sectors in transport, energy, manufacturing, and ICT.

IUCEA-ACE II project

The Africa Higher Education Centres of Excellence (ACE II) initiative was launched by the World Bank as a key step toward implementing this solution across Africa. Its first phase, ACE I was launched in 2013 for West and Central Africa, establishing 19 Centres of Excellence across seven countries in the three priority sectors-STEM, agriculture, and Health.

Building on the ACE I experience, the second phase, the Eastern and Southern Africa Higher Education Centres of Excellence (ACE II) seeks to strengthen 24 Centres of Excellence to deliver quality post-graduate education and build collaborative research capacity in five regional priority areas: industry, agriculture, health, education and applied statistics from 8 countries East (4) and Southern Africa (4).



The 12th Academia Public Private-Partnership Forum Convenes in Dar es salaam



Hon. Prof. Adolf Mkenda, the Minister for Education, Science and Technology of the United Republic of Tanzania gave the official opening speech during the forum.

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) in collaboration with the East African Business Council (EABC), Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) and German Cooperation in East Africa (GIZ East Africa) jointly convened the 12th Academia-Public-Private-Partnership Forum (APPPF- 2023) on 15-17 March 2023 at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre, Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania.

Under the overarching theme of “Nurturing Sustainable Skills Development for Youth Employability Through Academia-Industry Partnerships”, the forum brought together diverse stakeholders from academia, research and development institutions, private sector, and public sector from the EAC Partner States, as well as development



A Panel Session involving diverse stakeholders deliberating on the sub-theme “Skills Development for Youth Employability” during the forum.

partners. The APPPF-2023 consisted of discussions, a high-level interaction plenary keynote presentations, panel session with partners and exhibitions.



Forum participants observing and enquiring about some of the exhibited innovative products from institutions in region.

The forum sessions were structured into five sub-themes namely; (i) Skills Development for Youth Employability, (ii) Academia-Industry Partnership, (iii) Experiences and Practices; (iv) Innovation and Technology Transfer Practices, (iv) Nurturing Youth Talent and Catalyzing Digital Skills, and (v) Intellectual Property (IP) Management and Harnessing Cultural Heritage and Indigenous Knowledge. The exhibition was organized to showcase research outputs and innovations emanating from academia, industry, and related collaborations.

Research, Innovation Management capacity building workshop held in Nairobi



Dr. Saudin Mwakaje, expert in intellectual property management and technology transfer facilitating a session during the research and innovation management capacity building workshop.



Workshop Participants deliberating on intellectual property management and technology transfer in the Universities

It is widely recognized that effective research and innovation management contributes to efficient, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable systems and processes, thus accelerating socio-economic development. However, a study conducted by IUCEA in 2021 found that there exist gaps of inadequate research and innovation management capacities within the higher education institutions within the East Africa region.

To address the identified gaps, IUCEA developed a program to bolster capacities in various areas, including research management in universities, intellectual property management and technology transfer processes in higher education institutions, and commercialization of research outputs and innovations from universities.

The first IUCEA research and innovation management capacity building workshop was convened in

collaboration with GIZ in Nairobi, Kenya on 15-16 May 2023. The workshop beneficiaries included university research and incubation centre managers; representatives from national commissions for science, technology, and innovation; and representatives from entrepreneurship support organizations.



Participants during the research and innovation management capacity building workshop.

IUCEA, Partners Release Demographics Study Findings



Stakeholders during the engagement and co-creation workshop on the study of Demographics of African Faculty in the East African community.

IUCEA in collaboration with the Education sub-Saharan Africa (ESSA), the Association of African Universities (AAU), and the Population Reference Bureau (PRB) completed the first phase of the study on the Demographics of African Faculty in East Africa Community (DAF-EAC) whose objective was to assess the status of higher education faculty in the East Africa region in terms of

numbers, distribution by gender and areas of study. The study comprised four components, namely background research, analysis of current and future faculty demand, stakeholder engagement and dissemination of findings, and co-creation of solutions to address the faculty challenges. The collected data were shared with regional

higher education stakeholders for validation and co-creation of solutions on data challenges on 18th May 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya. The DAF-EAC report provide insights on the higher education data challenges in the EAC region and some recommendations for interventions at national and regional levels.

IUCEA, APHRC Sign Memorandum of Understanding on Collaboration



Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, Executive Secretary, IUCEA, and Dr. Catherine Kyobutungi, Executive Director, APHRC on 31st August 2023

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) and the African Population Health and Research Center (APHRC) committed to strongly collaborating on research and innovation programs and other relevant areas of mutual interest. An addendum extending the Memorandum of Understanding on the continued collaboration was jointly signed by Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, Executive Secretary, IUCEA, and Dr. Catherine Kyobutungi, Executive Director, APHRC on the 31st of August 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The occasion occurred during the co-creation and validation workshop to examine women's participation and quality of experiences in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics. The workshop was around the research study of IUCEA and APHRC that have been implemented together.



IUCEA staff participate in the Internet Governance conference in Kigali



IUCEA staff participated in the Internet governance forum under the theme: “The Internet We Want – Empowering All People in East Africa” in Kigali, Rwanda. Among the key issues deliberated and shared in the forum included cybersecurity issues, strategies for unlocking the Future of Data Protection in East Africa, and perspectives and lessons of the Coalition approach towards Content Moderation and promotion of freedom of expression in digital spaces.



Participants included two IUCEA Officers: Dr. Salome Guchu, Principal Innovation, and Outreach Officer, and Mr. Ben Ruhinda, Senior Systems Officer

Universities Urged to Embrace Artificial Intelligence and Data Science in Teaching and Learning

The 14th IUCEA Annual Meeting & Conference has emphasized the need for universities to embrace new technologies to enhance teaching and learning. The conference convened to discuss the Future of Higher Education in the Age of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence and explored the potential of data-driven decision-making and AI in higher education while addressing the challenges and opportunities they present.

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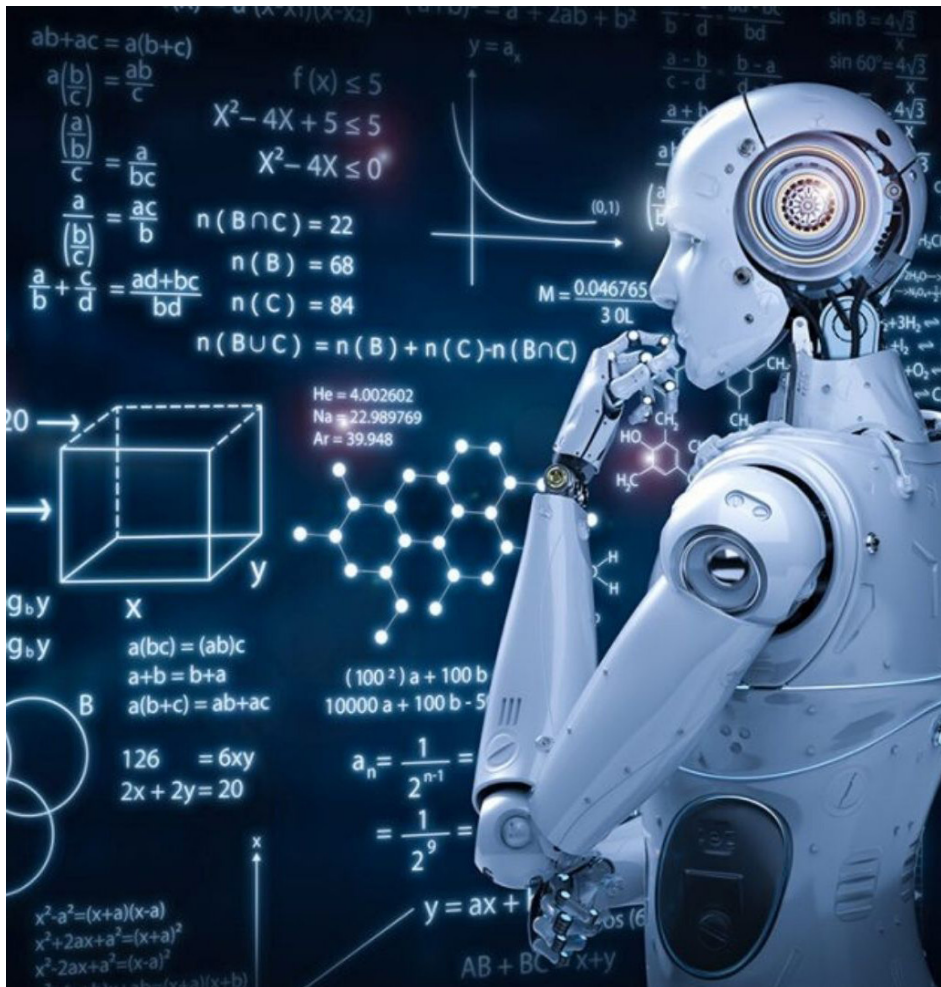
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Speaking at the opening session, the Chief Guest who was the Minister of Education, Republic of Rwanda, Hon. Dr. Valentine Uwamariya emphasized the need for higher education institutions to stay ahead of the technological curve and adapt to emerging trends. She encouraged academia to use data science and artificial intelligence to improve the learning experience to ensure that it is relevant, enjoyable, and effective. “It is important that academia quickly work out strategies to remain relevant and ensure that learning is

enjoyable,” Dr. Uwamariya.

The Deputy Secretary General, Social Productive, Infrastructure, Productive, Social





and Political sectors, East African Community, Hon. Andrea Aguer Ariik Malueth, representing the Secretary-General, underscored the significance of the conference in fostering dialogue among higher education institutions in East Africa to stay abreast of global developments in higher education while maintaining quality and relevance. He emphasized

the importance of adapting to emerging trends, including virtual universities, remote learning, flexible education pathways, and collaborations with industry. The Executive Secretary of, the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, said that the emergence of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence must

revolutionize how universities operate and teach. "We need to strategize and innovate in curriculum review and development to produce graduates equipped with skills demanded by the evolving labour market. Embracing new technologies presents an opportunity for universities to remain relevant and contemporary," Prof. Banyankimbona, said.

Participants included data science and AI experts and practitioners, Vice Chancellors, stakeholders, regulators, and decision-makers in higher education institution sector, industry leaders, and government officials. They shared experiences, best practices, and insights on how data science and AI can enhance teaching efficiency and student learning, retention, and success rates. The conference will also explore the ethical, professional, and social implications of using AI and data analysis tools in higher education. Recommendations from this dialogue are expected to guide future actions in universities and at the Inter-University Council for East Africa.

The IUCEA Annual Conference serves as a platform for dialogue, experience sharing, networking, and collaboration among higher education institutions, industry leaders, and policymakers on contemporary issues and trends in higher education.

IUCEA Launches Monitoring and Evaluation Portal for Technical and Vocational Institutes in East Africa

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) has launched an online Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) portal for collecting, analyzing, and sharing real-time data among technical and vocational institutions in the region.

The portal will also be used by various stakeholders including policy and decision-makers, and development partners for informed data-driven decision making. It is expected to improve the availability of quality and relevance of data collected from Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Institutes in the region.

The availability of accurate and reliable data is one of the major challenges facing higher education institutions in East Africa. For instance, the Demographics of African Faculty in the East African

Community (DAF-EAC) study undertaken by IUCEA together with a consortium of partners published in 2023, established that there were challenges in accessing quality and reliable data on higher education in the region.

According to the study, there is inadequate documentation and a lack of centralized data collection and sharing systems within countries in the region. The M&E Portal launched by IUCEA is therefore a significant step in addressing the challenge of quality and reliable data

in the region.

Speaking at the launch of the portal, the Deputy Executive Secretary of IUCEA, Prof. Idris A. Rai, said: “The portal will create a more structured and organized approach to data collection and management among TVET institutions. As part of the EASTRIP Project, TVET institutes will be trained on how to maintain accurate records to enhance the quality and reliability of the data collected. The data collected will be consolidated in the central portal to make it easily accessible to policymakers,



The Deputy Executive Secretary of IUCEA, Prof. Idris Rai (5th Right) and the Principal of DIT, Prof. Preksedis Ndomba (Centre) with participants after the launch of the online M&E Portal.



researchers, and other stakeholders in higher education”.

The portal was developed by a team of IT Experts from Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT), one of the IUCEA member Institutions, and a beneficiary of the World Bank-funded EASTRIP Project. DIT is the Regional Flagship TVET Institute in ICT.

The Principal of DIT, Prof. Preksedis M. Ndomba expressed gratitude to the World Bank Group for the financial support through the

EASTRIP project and to IUCEA for giving DIT the opportunity and trust to develop the portal that enhances project monitoring and evaluation.

Prof. Rai said: “Our collaboration with DIT has resulted in the development of an M&E portal that will not only enable us to effectively monitor and evaluate our projects but also pave the way for the development of an integrated regional Higher Education Information Management System (HEIMS)” at IUCEA Secretariat in Kampala Uganda.

Over the next three days, the

M&E officers from TVET institutes supported by the East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) will undergo hands-on capacity building to learn how to operate the portal effectively. They will be trained on data entry, analysis, and report generation to enhance their skills and expertise in project monitoring and management.

The development of the portal was supported by EASTRIP Project funded by the World Bank.



60 Selected for MSc Scholarships Under the ACE II Additional Financing Project

On 15th March 2023, the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) launched a call for applications targeting 60 female scholars to undertake MSc training in agriculture and related fields.

The call for applications comprised the following eligibility criteria: - be a female national of one of the ACE II participating countries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Burundi, be under the age of thirty-five (35) years, be a holder of a Bachelor's Degree in agriculture and related fields from a reputable university at the level of Upper Second Class Honours and have

been admitted in any of the ACEs specialized in agriculture and related fields.

After the selection process by the constituted Committee, the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) with funding from the World Bank approved the 60 scholarships MSc from nationals of Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia.

IUCEA's additional financing under the ACE II project with the funding of the World Bank aims to scale up and strengthen selected Higher Education Institutions in the Republics of Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia.

Furthermore, ACE II Additional Financing also scales up regional activities implemented by the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA). As a Regional Facilitating Unit, IUCEA leads in the implementation of key elements of component II of the project. Component II aims at supporting Centers of Excellence to deliver project development objectives through regional interventions including the provision of competitive MSc scholarships to academically deserving future talents. This intervention aims at increasing both the mobility and the number of female scientists specialized in agriculture and related fields.

LIST OF 60 Female Scholars Selected FOR MSc SCHOLARSHIPS

SN	NAME OF THE CANDIDATE	NATIONALITY	PROGRAM	ACE	COUNTRY
1	NIYUNGEKO CHRISTELLA	BURUNDIAN	MSc IN CROP SCIENCE	SACIDS	TANZANIA
2	KAKUNZE BELLY DIVINE	BURUNDIAN	MSc IN AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT	TACE	MALAWI
3	NSABIMANA ANNONCIATE	BURUNDIAN	MSc IN CROP SCIENCE	SACIDS	TANZANIA
4	AYALEW FASIKA BEKELE	ETHIOPIAN	MSc IN AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES SCIENCE	AQUAFISH	MALAWI
5	TESFAYE SENAIT KEHALI	ETHIOPIAN	MSc IN MONITORING AND EVALUATION	ACALISE	UGANDA
6	BELACHEW AZENEGASH ABEBE	ETHIOPIAN	MSc IN AGRO-ECOLOGY	ACALISE	UGANDA
7	ABEBE KIDIST	ETHIOPIAN	MSc IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT	CESAAM	KENYA

8	EJERSA SEADA BETRU	ETHIOPIAN	MSC IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS	CESAAM	KENYA
9	CHEPKEMOI JANETH	KENYAN	MSC IN CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE	CLIMATE SABC	ETHIOPIA
10	BORU AMINA MOHAMMED	KENYAN	MSC. CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE PROGRAM	CLIMATE SABC	ETHIOPIA
11	KIPKOECH MABLE CHEBICHII	KENYAN	MSC IN CLIMATE SMART - AGRICULTURE PROGRAM	CLIMATE SABC	ETHIOPIA
12	OUMA EMILY NANCY	KENYAN	MSC IN CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE	CLIMATE SABC	ETHIOPIA
13	KILONZI ALICE SYOMITI	KENYAN	MSC IN ONE HEALTH MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	SACIDS	TANZANIA
14	MANYENGO YUVENTINA WEKESA	KENYAN	MSC IN CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION	CLIMATE SABC	ETHIOPIA
15	MARTIN CATHERINE NDINDA	KENYAN	MSC IN CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION	CLIMATE SABC	ETHIOPIA
16	APOLLO TABITHA APONDI	KENYAN	MSC FOOD SCIENCE	CRAFTS	MALAWI
17	KANYIRU MARY WANJIRU	KENYAN	MSC IN FOOD SCIENCE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY	CREATES	TANZANIA
18	PHIRI LOVENESS GLORIA	MALAWIAN	MSC IN AGRICULTURAL & APPLIED ECONOMICS	CESAAM	KENYA
19	CHAWANDA CHRISSY	MALAWIAN	MSC IN AGRO-ECOLOGY	ACALISE	UGANDA
20	DAKALIRA CHINSINSI VERONICA	MALAWIAN	MSC IN AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT	CESAAM	KENYA
21	DOSSI MARY	MALAWIAN	MSC IN FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE	INSE-FOODS	KENYA
22	MALUNGA YAMIKANI	MALAWIAN	MSC IN CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE	CLIMATE SABC	ETHIOPIA
23	ZIWAWO CHIMWEMWE	MALAWIAN	MSC IN CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE	CLIMATE SABC	ETHIOPIA
24	NKHATA ASANTE DANKIE	MALAWIAN	MSC IN WATER MANAGEMENT -AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT	ACEWM	ETHIOPIA

25	NKHOMA REBECCA	MALAWIAN	MSC IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS	CoE_FAPP	MOZAMBIQUE
26	NJOLOMOLE FLORENCE MWAIWAWO	MALAWIAN	MSC IN CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE	CLIMATE SABC	ETHIOPIA
27	CATIA JULIO GUILAMBA	MOZAMBICAN	MSC IN FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE	INSE-FOODS	KENYA
28	TLHEMO NÉSIA DALILIA AFONSO	MOZAMBICAN	MSC IN FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE	INSE-FOODS	KENYA
29	GASH KAMBABAZI FLORA	RWANDAN	MSC IN AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT	CESAAM	KENYA
30	KAMARIZA JOANA	RWANDAN	MSC IN CROP SCIENCE	SACIDS	TANZANIA
31	SIBOMANA RENE ALINE	RWANDAN	MSC IN PLANT BREEDING AND SEED PRODUCTION	CoE_FAPP	MOZAMBIQUE
32	NIBITANGAZA SARAH	RWANDAN	MSC AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION	IRPM & BTD	TANZANIA
33	MUTUYIMANA VALENTINE	RWANDAN	MSC OF SCIENCE IN ANIMAL NUTRITION	CESAAM	KENYA
34	NIYONSHUTI FABIOLA	RWANDAN	MSC IN FOOD PROCESSING ENGINEERING	TACE	MALAWI
35	NIYONSABA ERNESTINE	RWANDAN	MSC OF SCIENCE IN CROP PROTECTION	CESAAM	KENYA
36	INGABIRE REGINE	RWANDAN	MSC IN AGRONOMY	CESAAM	KENYA
37	NYIRANSHUTI ANGELIQUE	RWANDAN	MSC IN FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE	INSE-FOODS	KENYA
38	KAMBANGWA ASHA MOHAMED	TANZANIAN	MSC. IN AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS	CESAAM	KENYA
39	MSONGA ANITHA WILFRED	TANZANIAN	MSC IN CROP PROTECTION	CESAAM	KENYA
40	SELEMANI FADHILA MUSSA	TANZANIAN	MSC IN AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES SCIENCE	AQUAFISH	MALAWI
41	CHANDE FIKIRA ABDULRAHMAN	TANZANIAN	MSC IN AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES SCIENCE	AQUAFISH	MALAWI
42	GAMBA JULIANA LIVINGSTONE	TANZANIAN	MSC IN FOOD SCIENCE	CESAAM	KENYA
43	MGANGA SILVIA CHRISTOPHER	TANZANIAN	MSC IN PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY	CESAAM	KENYA
44	OLAMBO ELIZABETH JOSEPH	TANZANIAN	MSC. IN CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE	CLIMATE SABC	ETHIOPIA



45	ROBERT JACKLINE JUMA	TANZANIAN	MSC. IN AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS	CESAAM	KENYA
46	GAMBA VICTORIA LIVINGSTONE	TANZANIAN	MSC IN WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	CESAAM	KENYA
47	NAKKU TEOPISTA	UGANDAN	MSC IN AGRI ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	CESAAM	KENYA
48	AWOR GLORIA	UGANDAN	MSC IN AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT	CESAAM	KENYA
49	CHELANGAT NASTA	UGANDAN	MSC IN ANIMAL NUTRITION	CESAAM	KENYA
50	BUKIRWA NAKATO	UGANDAN	MSC IN AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED ECONOMICS	CESAAM	KENYA
51	ASEKENYE SUSAN	UGANDAN	MSC IN CROP PROTECTION	CESAAM	KENYA
52	AUMA CONCY	UGANDAN	MSC IN HORTICULTURE	TACE	MALAWI
53	BIRUNGI LOYCE	UGANDAN	MSC SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE	CREATES	TANZANIA
54	ADEKE MARTHA AMONG	UGANDAN	MSC IN CLIMATE CHANGES IN AGRARIAN SYSTEM	CoE_FAPP	MOZAMBIQUE
55	ODONGKARA JOAN	UGANDAN	MSC IN AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS.	CESAAM	ETHIOPIA
56	NG'ANDWE SARAH	ZAMBIAN	MSC ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	CESAAM	KENYA
57	NANYANGWE SUWILANJI	ZAMBIAN	MSC IN PLANT BREEDING AND SEED SYSTEMS	CoE_FAPP	MOZAMBIQUE
58	MANGWALE ESTHER FARAI	ZAMBIAN	MSC IN AGRO-ECOLOGY	ACALISE	UGANDA
59	MFUNGO MEMORY MWAMBA	ZAMBIAN	MSC IN BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT (BEM).	CLIMATE SABC	ETHIOPIA
60	TEMBO GRACE	ZAMBIAN	MSC IN AGRO-ECOLOGY	ACALISE	UGANDA

The Regional Steering Committee APPROVED the award of SIXTY (60) MSC scholarships to the Female scholars as recommended by the Committee constituted by the IUCEA Executive Secretary Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona.

Countries in East Africa take steps towards harmonizing TVET systems for regional integration



Members of the Technical Committee on Harmonisation of TVET Qualifications after a meeting to develop the Regional Framework for Occupational Competency Assessment and Certification.

Countries in East Africa, including Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania, have made significant progress to begin the implementation of a harmonized technical and vocational education and training (TVET) system.

Members of the Technical Committee on Harmonisation of TVET Systems recently met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to develop the Regional Framework for Occupational Competency Assessment and Certification. In what is seen as an effort to promote regional integration and facilitate a more integrated labour

market, This follows the adoption of the Regional TVET Qualifications Framework, which strives to foster the mutual recognition of TVET qualifications among the three countries developed with funding from the World Bank through the East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP).

The framework is part of the ongoing regional efforts to promote regional integration through the harmonisation of TVET systems in the region, paving the free movement of skilled labour in the region. With harmonised systems,

TVET qualifications are expected to be recognized across all three countries. Speaking during the final round of the technical committee meeting the Regional Project Coordinator, Dr. Cosam Joseph, commended the committee for the tremendous progress towards establishing a standardized and harmonized system for assessing and certifying occupational competencies across East Africa.

“The establishment of a uniform system for assessing and certifying occupational competencies not only bolsters regional integration but also opens up opportunities for individuals with TVET qualifications to flourish in their respective fields, regardless of their country of origin,” Dr. Cosam said.

The harmonisation of TVET Systems complements efforts by the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) to harmonize higher education systems





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in the region. By aligning TVET systems, East African countries are moving towards full implementation of the EAC Common Higher Education Area declared by the Heads of State in May 2017.

Dr. Cosam Joseph emphasized that this harmonization effort would not only accelerate the economic growth of individual nations but also contribute to the overall prosperity of the East African region. He further added, "The mutual recognition of qualifications will facilitate the exchange of technical skills and knowledge, ultimately fostering job creation, increasing

productivity, and bolstering regional competitiveness."

The adoption of the Regional TVET Qualifications Framework and the ongoing development of the Regional Framework for Occupational Competency Assessment and Certification showcases the commitment of East African countries to promoting regional integration, enhancing labour mobility, and ensuring that the workforce is equipped with standardized and recognized skills.

By Godwin Bonge Muhwezi,
The Project Communication
Officer for EASTRIP at IUCEA.



IUCEA Executive Committee Chairperson visits the Secretariat at Kyambogo



IUCEA Staff with the Chairperson of Executive Committee Professor Kabera at IUCEA Headquarters at Kigobe Road, Kyambogo.

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), Executive Committee Chairperson Prof. Callixte Kabera visits the IUCEA Secretariat at Kyambogo in Kampala, Uganda. The IUCEA Chairperson of the Executive Committee's visit to the secretariat is for two days starting from the 11th to the 12th of October 2023. The Executive Committee

Chairperson came for the first visit to the Institution after he was elected as the Chairperson of IUCEA's Executive Committee on the 20th of June 2022.

The management of IUCEA and staff welcomed the Chairperson and had interactive discussions on matters of the mandate and implementation of the Common Higher Education Area

and regional integration agenda of the East African Community (EAC). Also, among the key components that were discussed were the IUCEA activities implementations, regional accreditation of programs, EAC Students Mobility program, partnerships, and linkages in the EAC and beyond.

In the welcoming remarks, the Chairperson of the IUCEA Executive Committee Professor Kabera appreciated the management of the IUCEA Secretariat for implementing the East African Community integration agenda and he also appreciated the efforts of the Executive Secretary of IUCEA, Professor Gaspard Banyankimbona for implementing activities and programs of IUCEA inline with the EAC treaty and protocols. He further appreciated the IUCEA management for playing a great role in achieving the implementation of IUCEA strategic plans and objectives for 2021-2026.



35 East African Learners awarded scholarships to study at Kyundong University in South Korea for the Academic year 2023/24

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) and Kyundong University, South Korea, have awarded thirty-five (35) scholarships to students from the East African Community (EAC).

The scholarships were granted to outstanding applicants from Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda, as part of the partnership between IUCEA and Kyundong University. Since its inception in 2019, 84 scholarships have so far been awarded.

The Executive Secretary, IUCEA, Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, congratulated participants upon winning amid stiff competition and expressed gratitude to the governments of EAC Partner States and Kyundong University for the financial support to students. "The scholarship is made possible through funds granted to IUCEA by the partner States and direct support by KDU-Global South Korea," Prof. Banyankimbona said.

The call for the 4th cohort attracted a total of 975 applications from the 7 EAC Partner States. The applicants were subjected to a rigorous selection process involving pre-admission into the university



A group photo of the Students from EAC Partner states awarded KDU scholarship for the 2023/2024

and scholarship assessment, followed by oral interviews conducted virtually by Kyundong University, South Korea.

Out of the 35 scholarship recipients, 14 are female, representing 40% of the total scholarships awarded. The students will pursue their studies in selected thematic areas of Smart Computing, Hotel Management, and Business Administration.

IUCEA facilitates students with

insurance, and their travel back to their home countries after the first 2 years and going back to resume studies for the remaining 2 years while Kyundong University will provide accommodation to students for 2 years. After the first two years, the University will assist students to find jobs and pay for themselves for the remaining 2 years.

The following are the successful applicants for Fall 2023:

Selected applicants for the 4th cohort of the IUCEA-KDU Scholarship Programme






NO.	COUNTRY	NAME	GENDER	MAJOR
1	Kenya	Otieno Branham Ochieng	M	BBA
2	Kenya	Wafula Kenan Masinde	M	BSC
3	Kenya	Cheruiyot Leon Kipkorir	M	BSC
4	Kenya	Khamis Abdulkarim Ali	M	BSC
5	Kenya	Yego Faith Chemutai	F	BHM

6	Kenya	Sirincha Meshack Wambura	M	BSC
7	Kenya	Omar Asha Mbusiro	F	BHM
8	Kenya	Suleiman Faiza Abdirahman	F	BBA
9	South Sudan	Akwoo Nuela Akoo Kasmiro	F	BBA
10	South Sudan	Akuei Elijah Akuei Mamer	M	BBA
11	South Sudan	Dut Dut Dut Mawien	M	BHM
12	South Sudan	Daniel Garang Nyok Garang	M	BSC
13	South Sudan	Ahook David Ayiol Abeny	M	BSC
14	Rwanda	Atete Nadine	F	BBA
15	Rwanda	Twagira Divine	F	BBA
16	Rwanda	Ngoga Innocent	M	BSC
17	Rwanda	Iradukunda Remy	M	BSC
18	Rwanda	Maniraguha Ame Aubert	M	BSC
19	Rwanda	Dushimimana Valentin	M	BSC
20	Tanzania	Ndala Hashimu Mohamedi	M	BBA
21	Tanzania	Mawazo Rashid Faustine	M	BBA
22	Tanzania	Semadala Angela Jacob	F	BBA
23	Tanzania	Makoba Ashura Ngwashi	F	BSC
24	Tanzania	Mahuwi Eunice Faustin	F	BSC
25	Uganda	Tusiimire Lamson	M	BBA
26	Uganda	Najjuuko Majorine	F	BBA
27	Uganda	Nalukenge Assumpta	F	BHM
28	Uganda	Kugonza Harry	M	BSC
29	Uganda	Rwotngeyo Roy Innocent	M	BSC
30	Burundi	Nteturuye Tresor	M	BBA
31	Burundi	Igiraneza Vasly-Carel	M	BBA
32	Burundi	Igiraneza Hadassah Graciella	F	BBA
33	Burundi	Dushimirimana Paola	F	BBA
34	Burundi	Mujeneza Enny Kathia	F	BSC
35	Burundi	Akimana Kessney Etor	M	BBA

KEY: BBA: Bachelor of Business Administration; BSC: Bachelor of Smart Computing; BHM: Bachelor of Hotel Management.



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