



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR
RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND OUTREACH

POST WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE REPORT

Submission of Workshop/Conference reports

Two weeks after attendance of workshop or conference, members of staff are expected to submit brief reports. The objective of the report is to identify lessons/experiences for dissemination, share ideas and best practices and potential networks/partnerships to be pursued. The report should incorporate the following:

- ✚ The **Summary Statement** - describe the workshop/conference attended (Where? When? Conference objectives? Target Audience? Conference organisers?)
- ✚ The **Workshop/ Conference Details** describe the themes discussed:
 - Describe your expectations or objectives(s) in attending the workshop or conference.
 - Describe your overall reaction to the workshop or conference and whether your expectations or objective(s) were met.
 - Mention what aspect of the workshop or conference was of particular value to you.
- ✚ List the **Lessons learnt or conference outcomes**
- ✚ Attach additional documents like **paper presented, PowerPoint presentations.**

The report and accompanying documents should be submitted in electronic format to the Registrar Research, Innovation and Outreach at <registrar-rio@ku.ac.ke>.

CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP REPORT

Attendee Name: Dr Margaret Muturi

Attendee Designation and Department: Senior Lecturer, Department of Medical Laboratory Science

Title of workshop/conference: The 23rd Session of the Conference of States Parties and 4th Review Conference

Conference URL: <https://www.opcw.org/calendar/csp-23-and-rc-4>

Conference Summary: *Brief description, conference organisers, target audience, venue and duration.* <http://www.cbw-events.org.uk/cwc-rep.html>

The 23rd Session of the Conference of States Parties and 4th Review Conference took place 19th to 30th November 2018, in The Hague, Netherlands. It was organized by The Organization for the prohibition of chemical weapons (OPCW).

The conference was a forum for review of the chemical weapon convention operation. The conference was attended by representatives of the state parties to the convention, Academia, civil society, industry and non-governmental organizations.

Workshop/ Conference Objectives: *Describe conference objectives*

The conference objectives were: to undertake reviews of the operation of chemical weapon Convention. Such reviews took into account any relevant scientific and technological developments'.

Three Open forums were organized by CWC coalition with fifteen speakers, one workshop with Prof Alistair Hay, and one organizational meeting. In addition the members of the CWC coalition gave 25 statements at plenary.

Lessons learnt: *Identify specifically what you are bringing back from the conference that relates to your departmental/school/University objectives.*

The area of weapons of mass destruction remains predominantly a fertile ground to boost cooperation with national government and provide evidence based solutions to the current challenges. For example, policy issues on national implementation of international treaties where Kenya is a signatory.

We will write proposal as a research group to address some of the gaps.

The school could come up with an awareness platform for weapons of mass destruction.

In the department awareness can be improved by engaging in research.

Title of Paper/Presentations/Lectures done by self:

I made a presentation in open forum meeting of CWC coalition titled "CWC National implementation: Gaps and opportunities in Africa" (attached).

Partnership/Collaborations/Funding Opportunities/Networks Developed: *List new contacts developed that may be useful for collaborations and funding*

Partnerships: African Centre for Science and International Security
admin@africis.org, collaborations in develop the safe and peaceful uses of nuclear, biological, and chemical technologies.

International dialogue of underwater munitions, Terry long info@idum.org

Additional Comments.

Every level of society would be affected by use of weapons of mass destruction. Awareness is fundamental especially in parts of the world where chemical, Biological and nuclear weapons are not taken as a major threat. Institution of higher learning could play a major role in this too.

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