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POST WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE REPORT

CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP REPORT**Attendee Name and Designation:**

Prof. Vincent Onywera -DVC RIO

Prof. Richard Oduor - Director Research Support and Dissemination

Title of workshop/conference:

Induction Workshop for EAC Scholarship Programme Cohort 2 students

Conference Date: 19th -23rd April 2022

Conference URL/Venue:Tiffany Diamond Hotel, Dar Es Saalam, Tanzania

Conference Summary: *Brief description, conference organisers, target audience, venue and duration.*

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) and the German Development Bank-KfW EAC is currently implementing a Scholarship Programme following an initiative by the East African Community (EAC) and the Federal Republic of Germany. The project is being co-managed by Adroit Consult International, an independent firm. The goal of this initiative is to contribute towards training leaders that will foster the EAC regional integration. It aims at creating future change agents, who identify themselves with the integration agenda of the EAC and are willing to share economic and development oriented expert knowledge. The project began in 2018 when the EAC and IUCEA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with KfW. The overall approach is to support highly qualified students who are not in a position to finance the master's programme on their own, to study in countries other than their own. In order to achieve these impacts, the project offers a comprehensive package including scholarships for master's programmes, internships, mentoring, networking events and further leadership training activities. The scholarship supports master's students in Mathematics, Engineering, Informatics, Science, Technology and Business Science programmes. The scholarship programme includes a minimum 30 percent female students in order to support women's participation and enhance gender equality.

To further enhance regional integration, under the co-curriculum aspect of the project in cohort 2 of the scholarship programme, an induction workshop for the cohort 2 EAC Scholarship beneficiaries was held, under the theme "Higher Education, Students

Mobility and Regional Integration in East African Community" between 19th -23rd April 2022 in Tiffany Diamond Hotel located in Dar Es Saalam, Tanzania.

Workshop/ Conference Objectives: *Describe conference objectives*

The workshop had three specific objectives:

1. To provide a platform for the scholars to exchange knowledge and views about the importance of students' mobility in higher education and regional integration agenda
2. To equip the scholars with knowledge and analytical skills and competences on the economic, political, social and general development trends in EAC integration.
3. To explore and identify opportunities for collaboration among the scholars, programmes, institutions, in areas of governance, culture, language and economy.

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

1. The Pillars of Integration, Challenges and Opportunities within East African Community
2. Perspectives from the Partner States on Higher Education and Regional Integration in the EAC
3. Available Higher Education Students' Mobility for Regional Integration in the EAC
4. The need for each of the over 300 universities in EAC to offer at least 1 scholarship to EAC students
5. How to navigate culture and language in EAC Integration and the opportunities and challenges they present
6. How to harness the relationship between supervisors and students for timely completion of studies

Title of Paper/Presentations/Lectures done by self:

Prof. Vincent Onywera: Panelist with other Vice Chancellors on the topic: Higher Education Students' Mobility for Regional Integration in the EAC

Prof. Richard Oduor: Panelist and Chair of Sessions: Post Graduate Research:
Exploring the relationship between supervisors and students for timely completion of studies

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

1. Permanent Secretaries- Ministry of Foreign Affairs & East African Cooperation in Tanzania, South Sudan, Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda
2. Vice Chancellors Makerere University, INES, Mbarara University, Dodoma and Sokoine

Additional Comments.

Grateful to the university for the approval to attend the workshop