



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 REBECCA KARANJA

Attendee Designation and Department: PLANT SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

Title of workshop/conference: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Conference URL: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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

I went for a research visit to the Australian Tropical Herbarium at James Cook University (02/07/2022 to 21/07/2022) to undertake pollination studies of *Senna obtusifolia*. This is an invasive plant in tropical countries and thus found in Kenya and Australia. This was a part of a project titled: "Invasive sicklepod weeds in East Africa: A friend or a foe?" funded by the British Ecological Society's "Ecologists in Africa" grant scheme (EA21/1265). I was domiciled at James Cook University.

I was to give a public seminar at JCU - Cairns. However, due to COVID restrictions, the faculty members were teaching online thus it was not possible to get a quorum.

The field work was successful and we collected sicklepod pollinators.

There was technical exchange and training to develop and standardize field protocols.

Workshop/ Conference Objectives: *Describe conference objectives*

N/A

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

I managed to write a full report for *Senna obtusifolia* and submitted the report to British Ecological Society.

Title of Paper/Presentations/Lectures done by self:

We co-developed a paper titled: Invasive sicklepod weeds in East Africa: A friend or a foe? The paper is almost complete and we will submit it within the next two weeks.

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

We developed a network for researchers working on invasive species and the purpose of the network is to network and collaborate on the projects and also fundraise for research. The link to the network is: www.tropicalinvasiveplantnetwork.org

Additional Comments.
N/A