



**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](mailto:registrar-rio@ku.ac.ke)>.

## CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP REPORT

**Attendee Name:** Dr Peter Wafula Wekesa

**Attendee Designation and Department:** History, Archeology and Political Studies

**Title of workshop/conference:** Regional Convening on Higher Education in Africa, Nigeria  
January 6-7, 2022

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

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

This conference was convened to provide a comprehensive understanding of the impact of private universities on public universities in Africa with a specific focus on governance models and regulatory frameworks, typologies and impact of global trends among others. The conference was convened by the University of Texas at Austin with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The participants were core researchers and higher education leaders from five African countries-Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, Ghana and South Africa. The target audience was select heads of private and public universities, heads of university regulatory commissions, heads of ministries of education, union leaders, staff and students. The venue was in Babcock University, Nigeria, January 6 and 7 2022.

**Workshop/ Conference Objectives:** *Describe conference objectives*

The aims of the conference were to:

- i . engage stakeholders of higher education in a consultative process
- ii. Solicit input from stakeholders
- iii. Form the basis for further research and publication
- iv. Create opportunities for researchers to present their findings
- v. Recommend policy interventions to stakeholders

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

**Conference outcomes**

1. Need to strengthen capacity of public universities to deliver quality education, including, but not limited to management of faculty, funding curriculum development and improvement.
2. Gained an understanding of new efficient models in higher education.
3. Gained knowledge on the possible synergy between private and public universities.
4. Generation of shared data on policies and interventions.
5. Creation of research networks for future collaborations

**Title of Paper/Presentations/Lectures done by self:**

Private-Public Universities in Kenya

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

The Conference enabled us create research collaborations with partners from Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya. The Carnegie funding is a three year collaboration and we hope to hold another conference in Nairobi in July, 2023. Part of the collaboration has also led to the Convening of an international Conference by the Department of History, Archeology and Political Studies in May 2023. They have also invited me to present the distinguished African lecture in Texas USA in April 2023.

**Additional Comments.**

This conference was an eye opener and offers potential for future research collaborations and funding.