



**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)>.

## ISP CASE STUDY VISIT REPORT

**Attendee Name:** Dr Joseph Kathiai Kurauka

**Attendee Designation and Department:** Lecturer, Department of Environmental Studies and Community Development

**Title of workshop/conference:** Institutional Strengthening Programme (ISP) Case Study Visit to Wollo University: 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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

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

CIRCLE Champion / Implementation representative at Kenyatta University was appointed to Visit Wollo Univeristy to review the CIRCLE Institutional Strengthening Programme (ISP) progress. The Case Study visit started on 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

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

- Share Kenyatta University Action plan regarding Institutional Strengthening Programme (ISP) progress.
- Meeting: ISP Team in Wollo Univeristy.
- Review how Action Plan been designed and monitored in Wollo Univeristy.
- Review how has the Action Plan been updated for 2018-19 in Wollo Univeristy.
- Review how the Implementation Team managed to gain wider institutional support for actions outlined in their Action Plan in Wollo Univeristy.
- Evaluate key achievements in the delivery of their Action Plan in Wollo Univeristy.
- Review how has learning from the CIRCLE ISP Network been used in the design and delivery of their Action Plan.
- Review how has learning from the CIRCLE Visiting Fellowship been used in the design and delivery of their Action Plan.
- Interview the Senior Management in Wollo University on how the ISP Action Plan aligned to their wider institutional strategy, and their vision for their institution for the next 12 months- next 10 years.
- Focus Group discussions with the CIRCLE Fellows and Champions on specific skills were gained by CIRCLE Visiting Fellows during their Fellowship and to assess to what extent are CIRCLE Visiting Fellows involved in the CIRCLE Institutional Strengthening Programme.
- Focus Group discussions with the Early Career Researchers evaluate the extent they were aware of career and

professional development support / training opportunities at their institution.

- Focus Group discussions on mentoring to assess whether it was formally recognised at the Wollo University.
- Evaluation of the overall progress in delivery of ISP Action Plans in Wollo University.

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

Learnt lessons:

- Developing an Action Plan;
- Build capacity of researchers within the university
- Research partnership with key organizations
- Thematic area identification
- Research on community outreach
- Seminars in the universities
- Proposals with collaborating agencies.
- Inviting international scholars.
- Monitoring programme need to be strengthened in the Universities.
- Gender mainstreaming.
- Capacity building of the academic staff especially the Early Career Researchers.

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

Kenyatta university Action Plan been design and monitoring including our vision for their institution for the next 12 months-next 10 years.

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

1. Partnership/Collaborations/Funding Opportunities:

Developing joint proposals with other universities in Africa that are involved in the CIRCLE Institutional Strengthening Programme (ISP).

2. Networks to develop a joint proposal with the following:

| Name             | Title/Department   |
|------------------|--|
| Dr Abate Getahun | President of Wollo University (Research and Community service).      |
| Dr Demeke Dejen  | Vice-President of Wollo University (Research and Community service). |
| Mr Muluke Girma  | Lecturer, Wollo University College of Agriculture.                   |

**Additional Comments.**

Dr Demeke Dejen and Mr Muluke Girma of Wollo University and Dr Joseph Kurauka of Kenyatta University agreed to formalize collaboration and identify key research gaps in climate change. This will form the basis for sustainable collaboration among the two institutions.