

## TENTATIVE WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

### **DAY 1: Tuesday 24 July 2018**

**9:00 am - 9:15 am**

Introduction: **Prof. Helen Lydiah Kutima**, Director of Gender & Mentoring Center, JKUAT

Opening Remarks: **Prof. Mary Abukutsa**, DVC Research, Production and Extension, JKUAT

**9:15 am – 11:15 am**

#### **Session I (Part A): Which career and graduate program do I want? (Participant Self-Assessment & Group Discussion)**

Participants begin to identify career paths and graduate program interest including discussions on:

- *Career and Academic Interests and Strengths*
- *Is graduate school right for you?*
- *What should I study? Finding the right discipline*

**11.15 am - 11.30 am:** Tea Break

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

#### **Session I (Part B): Which career and graduate program do I want? (Panelists Presentation & Discussion)**

Professional women from academic, industrial, and non-profit sectors as panelists. Panelists will describe their diverse professional journeys and provide insight into how to embark on a career path. Issues to be discussed will include:

- *Passion vs. practicality: strategically selecting a career and following your dreams*
- *Importance of work experience*
- *Preparing for professional fields: what skills do employers want?*
- *Importance of graduate degrees*
- *Networking*

**Moderator: Prof. Clare Muhoro**, Towson University and MTAWA

#### **Invited Panelists:**

- **Dr. Christine Adhiambo:** University of Nairobi
- **Prof. Margaret Gitau:** Purdue University and MTAWA
- **Ms Jannette Kibogy:** Kengen
- **Dr. Teckla Muhoro:** JKUAT
- **Dr. Rose Mutiso:** Mawazo Institute
- **Dr. Dorothy Okello:** Makerere University
- **Safaricom Representative** from Women in Technology program

**1:00 pm – 2:15 pm:** Keynote Address at Networking Lunch

**Prof. Mabel Imbuga, Vice Chancellor of JKUAT**

**2:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Session 2: How do I go about applying to graduate programs? (Presentation & Discussion)**

**Ms. Phyllis Kalele (ASSAf) and Prof. Lydia Njenga (University of Nairobi)—Invited**

Participants are exposed to practical and administrative aspects to assist decision-making on type of programme and institution to which to apply; guidance to be given for the Kenyan and non-Kenyan universities. Issues to be discussed will include:

- Which to pursue - Masters or PhD?
- How much does it cost? And how can I pay for it?
- Where in the world? The Importance of Location.
- Which research area?
- Choosing an advisor: personality, age, rank, gender, status, funding; Contacting potential advisors
- What should I expect? Coursework, prior experience, time management, colleagues
- How do I apply? GRE, TOEFL, personal statement, CV, letters of recommendation, fees.
- Practical Tips on: oral and written communication skills; professional profiles; importance of networks; and conduct in the workplace.

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**DAY 2: Wednesday 25 July 2018**  
**Academic/Graduate School Clinic**

**9:00 am – 12.30 pm**

**Session 1: Open Consultations (Individual Student Consultations)**

Open one-on-one consultations for students with specific questions or materials for feedback based on Day 1 engagement. Participants to register separately to determine level of participation for this session.

**10.30 am - 10.45 am: Tea Break**

**10.45 am – 12.30 pm (Concurrent Session)**

**Session 2: Mentoring in Academia and Profession (Panelists Presentation & Discussion)**

Professional women from academic, industrial, and non-profit sectors as panelists. Panelists will describe the role of mentors, location of mentors, duration and types of mentorships. Issues to be discussed will include:

- Where and how can I find a mentor?
- How do you know that the mentor-mentee are a 'good-fit'?
- How can MTAWA practically help me find a mentor?
- How can represented universities help me connect to a mentor or mentoring network?

**12.30 pm – 12:45 pm**

Workshop Recap

Closing Remarks

**1.00 pm – 2.00 pm: Closing Lunch**

Tour of Nairobi (Optional & TBC). Participants to register on Day 1 to determine level of participation.

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