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 I: 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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