

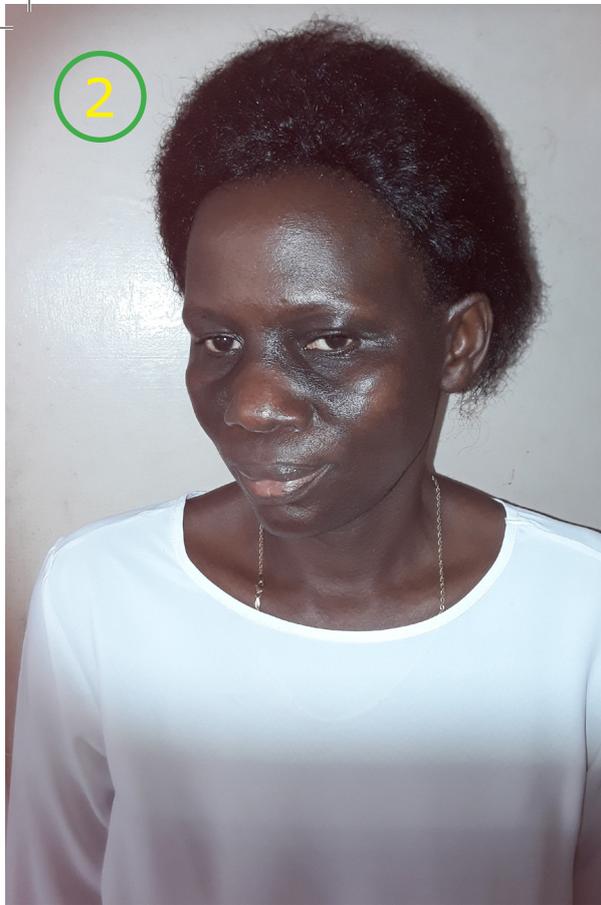
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The Editor’s Pen

Dear Alumni,

One again, we are meeting at this juncture of the year 2018 trying to speculate how to get alumni reflect on Ardhi University, University College of Lands and Architectural Studies and / or Ardhi Institute life. The sixth issue of Ardhi University Convocation Newsletter is one of our hubs that will take you back to any route that you will find fascinating. This year’s theme is celebrated under “Climate Change and Land Governance “which puts together issues of climate change as well as land governance in Tanzania.

The first article explains how to address climate in real estate and stipulates what strategies in climate change in real estate should address. The newsletter also carries the article on One Year in Service of Ardhi University Vice Chancellor Prof. Evaristo Liwa. The story of the of the experience of Prof. Eleuther A. Mwageni from a position of Acting

Registrar at Sokoine University, Deputy Vice Chancellor –Planning Finance and Administration at Ardhi University to Executive Director at Tanzania Commission of universities is one of the articles in this Newsletter along with the information on African Risk Methods School hosted by ARU in September 2018.

This issue also carries the messages from the Convocation President Mr. Haruna Masebu and Ardhi University Students Organization (ARUSO) President Amani Kimola. It has been our tradition to extend the opportunity to our readers to benefit from the wise words of the two Presidents. The issue is culminated by photos of alumni who participated into the charity walk that took place on 24 November 2018 and alumni who have been elevated into various Government positions.

We thank you for sparing your time to peruse this newsletter and God bless you all.

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ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS AND MARKET

By Felician Komu

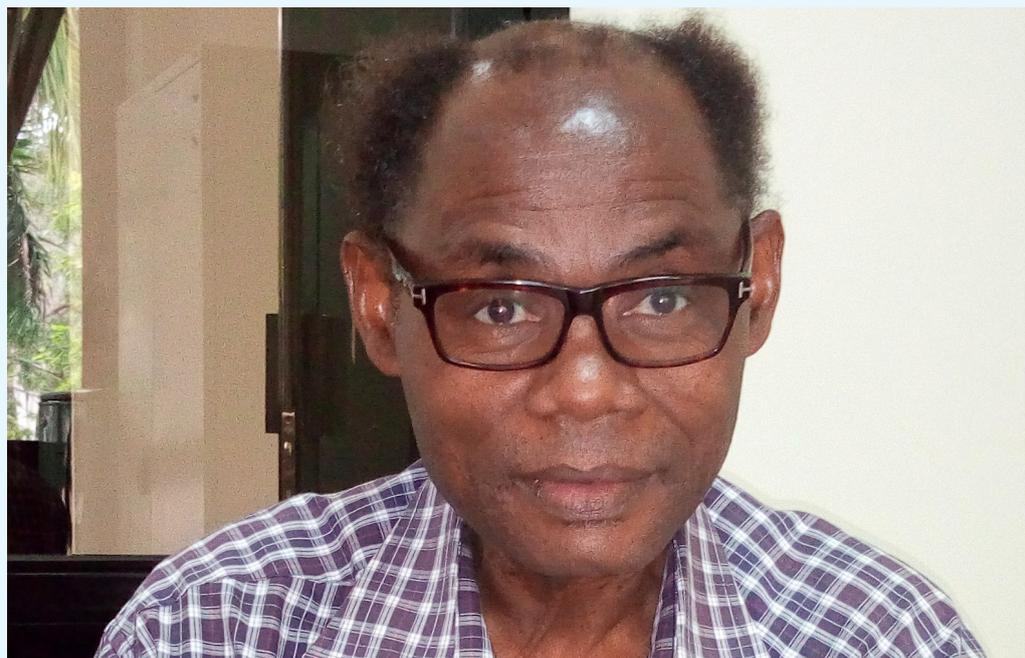
Climate change discourses around the globe evoke fears of loss of livelihoods, high and long-term risks on the natural environment and more so in coastal regions. The fears are based on the scientific proven and statistical tested results on changes in the weather patterns but with yet no clear directions towards the uncertain future of weather conditions. Several studies have been carried out in almost all-important sectors of national economies to try and formulate strategies towards climate change adaptation and how the changing climatic conditions affect intersectoral and regional comparative advantage.

It is interesting to note in the developed world such as the USA, climate change studies addressing real estate have limited themselves to the effects on lost accommodation and house prices in the post-disaster afflicted regions. Most of these studies have construed climate change in the context of shocks brought about by

key sectors. In each of these four sectors key climate indicators have been identified but it is in the energy sector that there are some clear and specific strategic interventions defined. Since 2010 there has been substantial works on climate change, but none has contextualized the debate to real estate and the closest has marginally touched on land resources in flood-prone areas. Most of

extreme events such as hurricane floods, wildfire outbreaks and lack of preparedness by the respective regions to ward off the effects and build in resilience measures towards the uncertain future of such event happenings. Early warning has been the motto alerting the general population of the real dangers these extreme events can pose to life and property. The notable world literature and efforts in addressing effects of climate change are probably those on the aftermaths of the 2011 Christchurch Earthquake Disaster which claimed 185 lives and annihilated the entire of the 10km radius Christchurch urban area.

Climate change is a natural and progressive if not dynamic outcome of the human activities on the globe and it is not simply an occurrence of extreme event. It is comforting to note the national climate change strategies adopted in Tanzania have attempted to address the dynamism embodied in natural climate change in 14



Dr. Felician Komu

the studies have observed correctly lack of awareness amongst the people as overriding issue which ought to be addressed for preparedness of extreme events. None of existing national climate change framework is suggestive of the real estate sector in a manner that addresses the practical needs of the sector despite its significant contribution to national economy. Real estate is not only about buildings but is the basis of all shelter whose main inputs are land, the subsequent land development or modifications which transform the land into a work place, residence, recreation, health or even production shell. It is in real estate that societies compete with one another fairly or unfairly to get access and use rights. These competitions must be regulated within a land governance framework that takes cognizance of changing business behavior shaped by climate change.

The 2012 National Climate Change Strategy (Environment) identified 14 sectors or themes, all except three with some marginal treatment on some aspects of real estate. These are

1. Infrastructure which appears as 12th theme placing emphasis on promoting and enhancing use of building codes and standards adaptive to climate change;
2. Human Settlement which appears as 13th theme with same emphasis as that one on Infrastructure but additionally calling for intervention in land use planning and improving settlements in climate change risk prone areas;
3. Land use, the 14th and last on the theme again emphasizing on land use plans and calling for intervention in reviewing master plans.

In taking note of the existing gaps in the National Climate Change Strategy, it is important to consider the wider needs of

the Real Estate Sector in the context of the debate on Climate Change. First as hinted earlier Climate Change is not an evil happening, but a dynamism that presents opportunities and risks for everyone. In real estate sector, one needs to address the opportunities and risks for developers (both in housing and non-housing products), land owners and those with limited ownership rights (user rights) lenders and investors. Effects of climate change are not limited to the planning of land use but to the overall needs of the real estate. Certainly, Climate Change clouds expectations about future risk and house prices, even depressing demand for land and housing in some locations especially those prone to volatile changes.

Strategies on Climate change in real estate should address:

- Impacts on real estate/land value in different locations and how these could be mitigated, possibly within a land governance framework
- Fixity of real estate (land is fixed) and the options of moving people from calamity-afflicted area are limited not only because of availability of alternative land but also due to locational inertia by the affected persons. There will be a need for policy and decision-makers to appreciate these as important factors before they take decision
- Coastal line and beach developments- these have a naturally inflicted high demand which could be exploited for gainful public revenue, but the risks involved with climate-change-related phenomenon can be huge and expensive to the public/government. Some intervention to match the demand and physical needs of such locations should be investigated (and not necessarily restrictive measures.

- Real estate (housing markets) are invariably influenced by inter-related factors, they are durable assets and therefore exposed for long duration to climate change, which requires intuitive and historical investigated interventions to mitigate impacts. *(A friend once remarked to another when on a mission to buy a plot of land that his other friend once paid an advance to buy a seemingly attractive island beach land which later turned out to have been submerged – do not buy land during dry season!)*
- Globally, it is becoming a trend to consider coastal areas as very risk home locations and insurance premia getting higher on one hand while on the other there is a growing belief on the negative effects of climate change. These issues need to be explored and some intervention measures devised to ensure parity amongst the actors (land owners and government revenues/authorities)
- Effects of climate change being recognized in the country, awareness is limited among local people especially vulnerable communities.
- Real estate is by far the most important asset for most households and needs to be protected against any of the eventualities- the national strategy on human settlement (13th) should be extended to include housing, real estate prices, impacts of home loans and general lending secured against real estate and impacts to lenders in case of climate change
- Real estate as an important source of household debt and relevance in the overall economy



Buildings destroyed by an overflow river after a heavy unexpected downpour, result of climate change.

A WORD FROM THE CONVOCATION PRESIDENT



Mr. Haruna Masebu, ARU Convocation President

November 30th of this month provides an auspicious occasion for members of the Ardhi University Convocation to meet in comparatively larger numbers than is normally the case in some other months during the year. This gives an opportunity and wider scope for members to network with their peers and makes new friends from the ARU extended family. Members are also likely to find matters comprised in this year's edition of the Newsletter interesting. Also, of interest are Seminars papers and discussions thereof, as well as proceedings of the convocations' Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The Newsletters comprises of several interesting news items, as explained in the Editor's note. The main theme covered in this edition is "Climate Change and Land Governance". This subject is as wide as it is emotive and papers in this edition provide some insights into contemporary matters

of interest to ARU Convocation. But is "climate change (for) real? Well, at a personal level, for instance, I have witnessed the shoreline at Msasani Beach move inland for six meters between 1995-2018. The Indian Ocean is gnawing at Africa's beach front in a steady, even if slow, manner. So, when I see articles on rising sea levels on account of Global warning. I pay attention. Further eastwards in the Indian ocean, the island state of Maldives is struggling not to be swallowed by the rising sea tides. The ocean's appetite is rapacious. On the other hand, the leader of one of the World's most powerful states on earth thinks that, as wess as related matters on climate change, are non-issues. As a result, his country is no longer committed sto the "Paris Agreement for Climate Change". Of all measures that this country has taken, withdrawing from multilateralism regarding climate change probably the most worrisome.

However, articles in this Newsletter would tend to buttress the general belief that we all better take note of climate change, with its wide-ranging effects on agriculture, conservation, energy and

transportation amongst others. For instance, the rising temperatures in the Northern hemispheres have led to ice bergs melting and thus enabling large ships to sail across the Arctic from the West to the Far East thus greatly shortening the distances between these parts of the world. As a result, it is now possible Liquefied Natural Gas from America to Far East. This has therefore meant that the Far East has access to sources of energy that would not have been available if the climate change had not happened. In the same vein, gas discoveries that are happening on in the eastern coast of Africa would have been more valuable had they happened before climate change is ushered in this new competition. Indeed, climate change will be a game changer in many other sectors of the world economy.

In the view of the importance of the Newsletter in informing Convocation members, it is planned that in future, there will be two editions in the same year. To facilitate this happening, members are invited to contribute articles of professional interest on regular basis.

As had had been indicated last year, the Newsletter will, in future comprises a section where Alumni can exchange information on their whereabouts i.e. who, what and where they are and when they graduated or worked at ARU, UCLAS or Ardhi Institute as the case may be. They can also share with us their professional experiences.

A week before the 30th of November, there has been planned a Charity Walk and this offers to all of us an opportunity to network, exercise and amongst ourselves, the feel-good effect. It is hoped that this vent will facilitate more people becoming aware of, and therefore participating more actively in, the affairs of the ARU Convocation.

Of particular importance this year, is that the Annual General Meeting and will have on its agenda, the election of the office bearers for the Convocation. The term of the current leaders, including the President ends on 30th November 2018. We have attached so much importance to the vent that Dr. Agnes Mwasumbi has been tasked to do some head hunting so that we may get a new team that will rejuvenate the Executive Committee of the Convocation.

We have also impressed upon the leadership of the University to facilitate the joining into the Convocation, as members, fresh graduates on their graduation day. The University is also keen towards facilitating re-accreditation of some of the courses by Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). This will not only increase the appeal of the courses at continental level, but also improve the

employability of ARU graduates internationally. The above are some of the initiatives that we made during the past year and the incoming leadership will be expected to realize them.

Let me take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the institutions that have been kind enough to support us, even during these times. Times are such that, the generosity of corporate entities to support activities -such as those of the Convocation is not at the same level as used to be the case in the past. We thank, in particular, the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), the Social Security Regulatory Authority (SSRA) and Watumishi Housing Company (WHC). SSRA and WHC have in addition, agreed to participate and talk to our members on matters that are likely to be of interest to many of us.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as a President of the Convocation, the testing times notwithstanding. I appreciate the good cooperation that I received from the Deputy President, the secretariat as well as from the members of the Executive Committee. The University leadership under the stewardship of Prof. Evaristo Liwa has been very helpful in many ways.

Many thanks to you all

Haruna Massebu

Convocation President.

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Prof. Kihampa accomplished his PhD (2008), MSc. (2008) and BSc. (1999) all at the University of Dar es Salaam. He has worked at Ardhi University (ARU) from 2008 to 2018. The Professor held different positions while at ARU including HoD of Environmental Laboratory, Science and Technology (2008-2010), Director of Undergraduate Programmes (2009-2010) and the Dean School of Environmental Science and Technology (2018). Later on, in 2018 he was appointed by the President Dr. John Pombe Magufuli as the CEO of Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU).



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Dr. Sophia Kongela

She holds a PhD from Rensburg University (IREMS), Germany, 2013. She is a Land Management and Valuation (LMV) graduate of University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) of 2003 with an MBA (Finance) also from UDSM. Worked with UCLAS as a Tutorial Assistant in 2005 and climbed the ladder to Lecturer at Ardhi University (ARU), 2013. In the time being she is serving as Head of LMV Department. This year, 2018 she was appointed by the President, Dr. John Pombe Magufuli as the Chairperson of the National Housing Board.



Dr. Maulid Banyani

He has a PhD from Hong Kong Polytechnic University, 2013. Got his first degree from UDSM by 2008. Worked as a valuer with PCCB and with GIMCO as Property Manager. He later joined ARU and climbed the academic ladder from the position of Tutorial Assistant in 2005 to a Lecturer in 2018. He has now been appointed by the President Dr. John Pombe Magufuli as the CEO of National Housing Cooperation. Before his appointment he was the Estates Manager at ARU.

A YEAR IN SERVICE, VC PROF. EVARISTO LIWA

By Staff Reporter



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Evaristo Liwa in his office

I feel more privileged for this opportunity to lead an institution as the Chief Executive Officer. Though it's not an easy task, I believe I had a point of departure as I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Firstly, I commend my predecessor for institutionalization of a number of operational instruments that provides a green light for the realization of institution Vision and Mission. This includes; the Corporate Plan, Medium Term Rolling Strategic Plan, Financial Regulations, Risk Register and many Operation Policies and Procedures. And, as a takeoff plan, the University has in place a Master plan for the period of 2018 to 2038 that will allow all developmental activities to take place.

Secondly, let me share with you my first year milestone in the office of the Vice Chancellor, Ardhi University. As we all know; a number of Key Results Areas (KRA's) and strategies were already developed in the Corporate Plan and Medium Term Rolling Strategic Plans (MTRSP) and I continued to implement them. These strategies relates to main four core KRA's of the University; teaching and learning, Research and public outreach, Consultancies as well as good governance. Discussed as follows;

As far as teaching and learning is concerned, I realized that, for the University to be successive in

the competitive era there must be a variety of programmes offered at ARU. With this regards, the University has made a curricular review in July, 2018. Consequently, nineteen (19) new programmes were endorsed by the University SENATE for the submission to TCU for approval. This will make programmes offered at Ardhi University to be 71 from 52 programmes offered in the academic year 2017/18.

Further, in terms of improving teaching and researching capacity, during the financial year 2017/10, ten (10) members of academic staff were promoted to higher ranks. The University is expecting more than 40 members of academic staff be promoted in the next year, 2018/19. In connection to researching, the University in collaboration with China TOPRS Technology Company Limited received ZC-3 Series UAV remote sensing drone. The drone will be used by the University to undertake the following activities; basic geographic information product processing, taking urban –three dimensional modeling, natural disaster monitoring and remote sensing mapping for urban planning and archaeology. The UAV is capable of operating on altitude of 6000m with a maximum cruising duration of 2 hours. These achievements strengthen the capacity of ARU on undertaking research activities.

Notwithstanding, the University continued preparing palatable environment for teaching and learning activities through increasing teaching space and teaching facilities within the University. In a nut shell, University improvise workshops for civil works, carpentry and electrical, office space for teaching staff members at Lands building – wing B’, lecture theatres at Lands Building – Wing C’ and renovation of students hostels by rehabilitating washrooms and stabilization of water supply.

As the way of fostering efficiency in consultancy activities, ARU has established a company named “ARU Built Environment Construction Company” as per the directives of the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Majaliwa Kassim Majaliwa, during commemoration of the Ardhi University 10th Anniversary ceremony. The Company is registered with BRELA and its operationalization procedures are now in place.

This is another step towards improvement of services ARU offered to external stakeholders. Within the period, ARU secured consultancy of designing the Dodoma Stadium (King Mohammed VI - Stadium) and Way Leave Land Acquisition for Gas Pipeline project by Tanzanian Petroleum Development Company.

In terms of good governance, as it was in previous three consecutive financial years, ARU managed to have a clean audit financial report from a Controller and Auditor General Office (CAG). This reflects the efficient and effective utilization of available funds within the University. In this tune, I have dedicated to do close follow ups by physical visiting around to development projects so as to have the impact/ value for money spent. In this connection, the following are the results of efforts made after receiving development fund.

With reference to the period October, 2017 to October, 2018 the University received development fund from the Government and was used in the rehabilitation of infrastructure, these includes; Rehabilitation of University Parking, Carpentry workshop, Classrooms, students Hostel, Internal Roads, major renovation of the vocational training workshops and Construction of Lands Building – Wing C’. With this pace made, the University thanks the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for the facilitation made so far.

In addition to above, ARU has prepared readily environment for further expansion. The development of Master Plan, initiation of the process for securing an alternative area for further expansion, design student’s hostels drawings and BoQ, design Multipurpose Laboratory and Multipurpose Pavilion drawings; are some of the preparatory works for readily grabbing funding opportunity for the betterment of the University.

With these few remarks, I honor the support of the Government towards facilitating increase in infrastructure and contribution of the University Management for the cooperation shown in the implementation of development activities. I wish you all the best on fulfilling Tanzanian dream to become industrialized country by 2025.

INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR ELEUTHER ALPHONCE MWAGENI

By Staff Reporter



Prof. Eleuther Mwageni

Professor Eleuther Alphonse Mwageni is Associate Professor at Ardhi University but, from June 2016 to January 2018, he was acting Executive Secretary, Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU). In this interview carried out in October 2018 with Staff writer, Prof J.M. Lusugga Kironde, Prof Mwageni shares part of his experience at TCU, with the Alumni

Q. You were at Sokoine University of Agriculture before joining Ardhi University

A: I came to ARU in September 2007 and took up position of Deputy Vice Chancellor (Planning, Finance and Administration). Before that, I was Acting Registrar, SUA. In 2010, I shifted my employment from SUA to ARU. In June 2016, I was appointed Acting Executive Director TCU a position that I held till January 2018, when I came back to ARU to continue with my Academic Career.

Q. What is TCU?

A: The Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) was established on 1st July 2005, under the Universities Act (Chapter 346 of the Laws of Tanzania) to succeed the former Higher Education Accreditation Council (HEAC) which had been in operation since 1995. It is a body corporate mandated to recognize, approve, register and accredit Universities operating in Tanzania, and local or foreign University level programs being offered by registered higher education institutions. The Commission also accredits certificate obtained from Universities out of Tanzania. TCU also coordinates the proper functioning of all university institutions in Tanzania so as to foster a harmonized

higher education system in the country. In order to ensure that such a harmonious higher education system does not compromise institutional peculiarities and autonomy, each University has the legal right to operate under its own charter.

TCU has three Departments: Administration and Governance; Admissions; and Accreditation. The latter is the Core business of TCU.

Q. When you joined TCU what was the situation?

A: The Government had dismissed the entire Commission including the Executive Secretary and the Chairman. For three months to September 2016, there was no Commission, so major decisions had to be made by requesting the Ministry of Education for approval.

Q. What changes did you effect at TCU?

A: At the call of the government, the TCU organisation structure was revised to remove the post of Deputy Executive Secretary, and to review the qualifications of Directors of Department to be senior, close to the Executive Secretary.

In response to another requirement by the Government, the TCU Organisation Structure was submitted for approval by Utumishi, and not the Treasury Registrar.

A Staff Audit was carried out, and it was comforting to note that no ghost or unqualified workers were found among TCU Staff.

On entry qualifications to Universities, the minimum points were raised to 4, that is, a candidate

should have at least 2 D's at A level.

Admissions

For the first time in TCU's history, an academic audit was carried out to see whether the admitted students had the relevant qualifications for the programmes they were admitted into. It was found that 94% of the admitted students had the requisite qualifications, and 6% did not.

First year admission to medical programmes was suspended for four Medical Universities, after the East African Medical Council found that the programmes did not meet the minimum requirements. Two of these have since improved and the suspension lifted. Two are still suspended.

In 2016 the Central student admission system was introduced in order to address the problem of multi-admission but it raised a lot of complaints from students and parents, especially complaints that students were allocated to programmes or Universities that they were not happy with. In 2017 Institutional admissions was introduced. Students apply directly to the Universities/Programmes of their choice. To address the question of multi-admission, students are required to confirm with one institution and remove their names from others where they may be admitted and this has necessitated various calls for admission, by the concerned Universities.

TCU is now in the process of harmonizing minimum entry qualifications for various programmes, starting with Medical Schools.

Accreditation

The 1st nationwide Universities audit was carried out in 2016/17. This was a wakeup call since matters were not well in some universities especially in terms of infrastructure, governance organs, and staff, compared to the number of students. Non-complying universities reacted positively and made staff recruitment for example. Others however have had to be suspended.

Quality within universities should be an institutional culture and should not be dependent on TCU audits.

Guidelines

TCU initiated a review of Guidelines for running universities and these set minimum requirements

Q. Is TCU playing an effective role?

A: Yes. Without TCU there would be chaos in University education specially as far as quality is concerned. The general public, including students, has confidence in TCU and do report anything unbecoming among universities.

Also its role of assessing foreign certificates is very important and I would urge all employers to subject academic certificates of their (would-be) employees to TCU accreditation.

Q. How do you compare your life at TCU and at ARU

A: As a DVC (PFA) at ARU, I mainly dealt with staff matters. At TCU, however, it was university matters that took the bulk of my time.

Q. What satisfaction did you derive from being the Executive Secretary of TCU?

A: My job there was very satisfying. The staff are dedicated. The public and other stakeholders are supportive. Besides, having started my career as a secondary school teacher, it was satisfying to reflect on my progression, to university and to the umbrella organization that oversees universities.

Q. Surely, given your experience you would be glad to take up position of a Vice Chancellor for example?

A: I would like to rest but will be more than happy to help institutions to locate or identify good personalities fit for the position of a Vice Chancellor.

Q. What is your message to ARU alumni?

A: We should emphasize quality. Quality inputs, quality teaching processes and of course quality outputs. The teaching methods need to change to be student centred rather than teacher centred. Students should be enabled, through appropriate teaching methods, to rely more on themselves, rather than on the teacher since this leads to memorization and is not a true transfer of education. I also think university teaching should be a profession where staff are impacted with tools of effective teaching, and are themselves registered by a professional body. So I emphasize quality, quality, quality.

Professor Mwangi, thank you very much.



Alumni doing aerobic exercises soon after the charity walk.



The NHC alumni (on the left) against the rest of the alumni in 'pull the rope' competition. The rest of the alumni won the competition.



Led by the Brass Band, alumni looking energetic after the charity walk.



Alumni doing aerobic exercises soon after the charity walk.

The Games Tutor Mr. Tamba (far right) explaining to the Alumni what is expected of them during the walk on the ARU -UDSM route. Listening attentively is Ms. Zainab Sinare (the former Convocation Treasurer), Mr. Haruna Massebu (the Convocation President) and Prof. Robert Kiunsi (the Convocation General Secretary).



The Convocation President flanked by other senior members of the Convocation inspecting the UCLAS Veteran Football Team (alumni in red) playing against ARU Students Football Team (in yellow). The students won 2-0.



They are heading to ARU grounds for other planned activities in the programme.

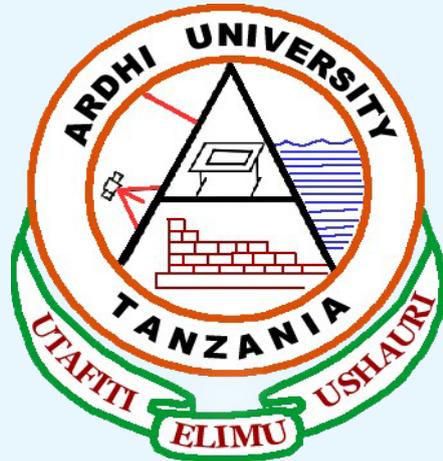


Some of the alumni participating in apple eating competition. One was to eat and finish the apple without touching it.

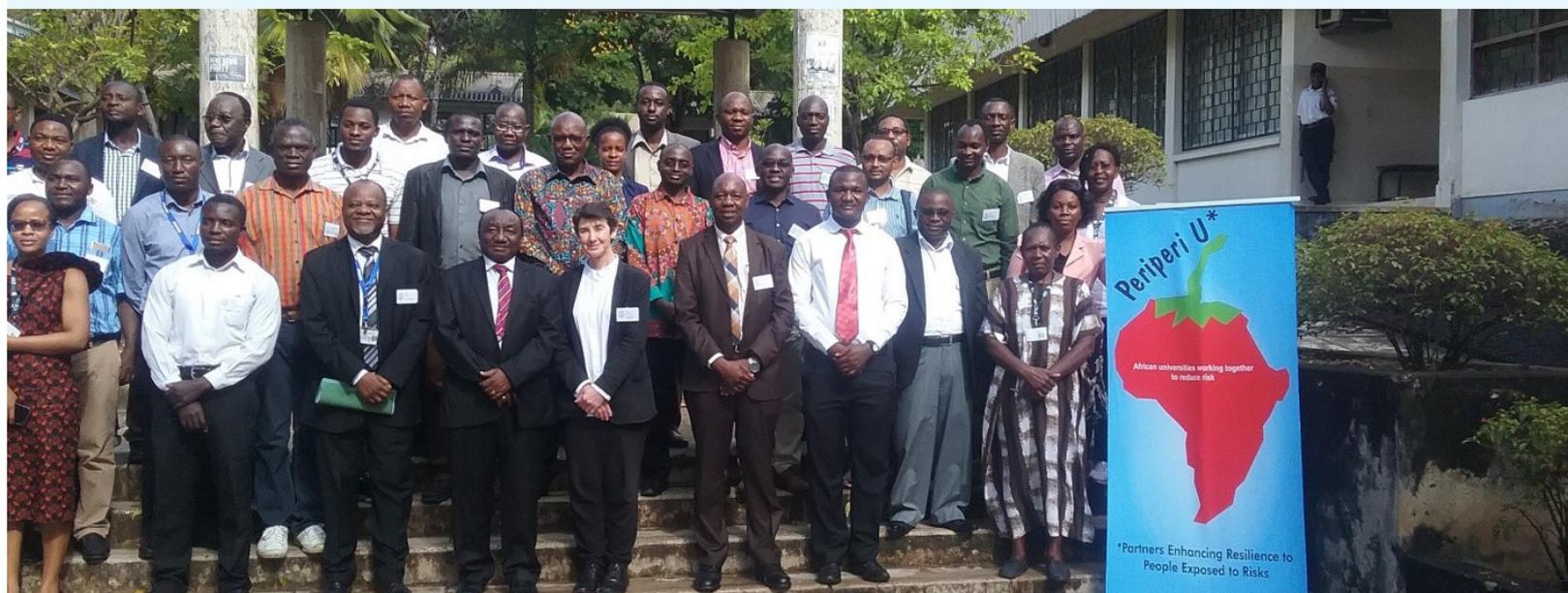


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ARDHI UNIVERSITY HOSTS SUCCESSFULLY THE FIRST EVER AFRICA RISK METHODS SCHOOL



A section of participants to the ARMS held at Ardhi Univ. from 10 - 21 Sept 2018

By Prof. Gabriel Kassenga & Dr. Benedict Malele

Ardhi University hosted successfully the first ever Africa Risk Methods School (ARMS). The school took place at the University campus from 10-21 September 2018 under the umbrella of *Partners Enhancing Resilience for People Exposed to Risks (Periperi U)*. This is a consortium of twelve African Universities working together to advance disaster risk reduction and management on the African continent.

The school was structured in four thematic areas namely urban risks and geo-spatial applications; risks and vulnerability in the health sector; research methods in disaster risk and resilience; and specialized post-disaster research methods. Facilitators of this multi disciplinary risk methods school were drawn from United

Nations Agencies and six African Universities drawn from across Africa. They include the host Ardhi University (Tanzania), Makerere University (Uganda), World Health Organisation (WHO), Stellenbosch University (South Africa), Gaston Berger University (Senegal), Bahir Dar University (Ethiopia), University of Buea (Cameroon) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The school attracted thirty seven (37) participants from eleven (11) African countries and one (1) European country. These are practitioners, postgraduate students and academia who are working or have developed interest in the disaster risk reduction and management domain.

The design and implementation of the risk methods school is an attempt by Peri Peri U



Prof. Robert Kiunsi and Dr. Benedict Malele receiving a certificate of recognition from Dr. Ailsa Holloway.

In recognition of the contribution that Ardhi University has done to host ARMS, Peri Peri U Consortium has awarded the University a certificate of recognition. The certificate was presented to Ardhi University by the Director of Research Alliance for Disaster and Resilience

(RADAR), Stellenbosch University who is also the Project Coordinator Dr. Ailsa Holloway during the Annual Peri Peri U Consultative Meeting held at Hotel Majestic in Tunis, Tunisia from 14-15 October 2018.

partner Universities to respond to the pressing need for 'future-ready' skill-sets for Africa's fast-changing disaster risk profile. This innovative initiative was possible through the support of USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID- OFDA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Health Organisation (WHO), the African Union/New Partnership for Africa's Development's Southern African Network of Water Centres of Excellence (AU/NEPAD SANWATCE) and Stellenbosch University's African Centre for Scholarship. The next African Risk Methods School will be hosted by Gaston Berger University, St Louis, Senegal in February 2019.

Alumni

Which year did you graduate?

Where are you?

What are you doing?

Give us your story and we will publish it.

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A WORD FROM ARUSO

Ardhi University offers unique programs which produce a large number of professionals annually. Today we are ARUSO members but tomorrow we are the alumni. ARU students are very proud to be part of the large community in Ardhi University due to its uniqueness.

In line with this year's convocation theme, Climate Change has relationship with socio economic development because socio economic costs will likely escalate as a result of climate change such as the high cost of food. Climate Change may lead to inadequate volume of rainfall which results into less production of food crops hence low yield of food products. Ardhi University provides environmental experts who are able to make analysis on climate change.

The famous Poet Mr. Samuel Illingworth once said,

With rising heat, the Earth begins to bloom,

The emerald hues a fervent sign of spring,

And every breath of air that's taken in,

But now these inhalations come too soon

A portent of the harmful change they bring

With rising heat, the earth begins to bloom

The emerald hues a fervent sign of spring.

Ardhi University Students Organization (ARUSO) is sending a message to all convocation members to take the action so as to help the society from the challenges associated with climate change.

Furthermore, on behalf of ARUSO, I would like to remind the convocation members that our University is still facing different challenges such as low capacity of hostels to accommodate students in Campus. Therefore, I would like to



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ask all members of the Convocation to join hands to solve different challenges facing our mother University.

Lastly, please receive my sincere thanks all of you ARU Alumni for all your assistance to ARU so far but know well that the existing challenges still lie ahead and your helping hand is very crucial.

Viva ARU, Viva ARUSO, It's Morning Again.

God bless Africa, God bless Tanzania

God bless Ardhi University, God bless ARUSO

Mr Kimola Amani H.

ARUSO President 2018/2019



Posing for a photo with Alumni after charity walk is the National Housing Corporation CEO, Dr. Maulid Banyani (Center) and Dr. Sophia Kongela, Chairperson of NHC Board (In blue T-Shirt)



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