

Mapping Out the Quality and Quantity of PHD Supervision in Africa

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WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND POST-GRADUATE SUPERVISION 2016?

LEARN from subject matter experts during insightful sessions and workshops

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ENHANCE your knowledge and stay abreast of future trends and important issues

WHAT'S NEW AT POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION SUMMIT 2016?

- Addressing the Evolution of the Doctorate
- Improving your Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
- Enhancing Quality and Capacity of Supervisors and M&D Candidates
- Optimising Research Funding Solutions

Dear Delegate,

The role of the universities as engines of knowledge cannot be realised with low quality teaching and research output. The underlying assumption is that universities are capable of providing adequate foundation for the complexities of the expected knowledge economy through postgraduate degree programmes in which research is central. However, the quality of higher education and research dimension presents a concern especially in the developing countries. Research shows that Africa is not producing enough doctoral graduates for the labour market and the higher education system. The current academic workforce is ageing and only about a third of all permanent academic staff members have a doctoral degree.

The Inter –university council for east Africa, council's executive secretary, Mayunga Nkunya, biggest concern is the scarcity of PhD-qualified academics in East Africa. In the short term the situation will worsen, he thinks, as the current generation of academics retires and the higher education sector continues to expand.

Prospectus Capital Proudly presents Postgraduate Supervision summit 2016, where representatives of the world's doctoral education community, scholars and researchers, supervisors, university policy-makers and managers, and research students ,gather together over three days to share their experience, research-findings, and ways to improve both their own and others' practice and also the candidates' experiences of their research degrees.

Looking forward to welcoming you at the premier event

Regards

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Who should attend?

Relevant Organisations And Departments Include:

- University Associations and Councils
- Education Ministries and Departments
- Universities and Colleges
- School Governing Bodies

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- Vice Chancellors, Campus
- Directors, Postgraduate studies
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- Postgraduate Supervisors
- Postgraduate Research Assistant
- Research Director
- Senior Researchers
- Researchers
- Heads of Academic Departments
- Deans
- Managers/Officers, Campus HR
- Student Support Officer
- College Directors,

Conference Agenda

Day 1 – 09 November, 2016

08:15 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:00 Opening Remarks for the Chairman

THE EVOLUTION OF THE DOCTORATE

09:10 Keynote Address: Comparing the Quality & Quantity of Postgraduates being Produced in Africa

- An overview of how Africa is fairing in the production of Masters & Doctoral (M & D) theses production and candidates
- Evaluating whether dissertations / thesis produced are beneficial economically as well as socially
- Facilitating the creation of inclusive Intra-African Academic Communities
- Encouraging the development of a Archival and Bibliographical M & D database Africa-wide
- Development of a Regulatory and Guidance Framework
- Investigating means of gauging the quality of the M & D's that are currently being produced

Prof Mayunga H.H. Nkunya, Executive Secretary, Inter-University Council for East Africa

09:50 Adopting a Comprehensive Approach to the Selection and Management

- Getting to know the personal, learning and institutional dimensions of supervision at the initial stage of working with the students
- Preparation on issues that will possibly emerge during the initial stage of supervision
- Design ground rules and establish good working relationships between supervisor and supervisee
- Provide support for students to develop manageable research questions
- Help to support the learning journey throughout the research process and the writing process

Prof. Opuda Asubo, Executive Director, NCHE, Uganda

10:30 Morning Refreshments and Networking Break

IMPROVING YOUR MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

11:00 Developing/Encouraging Creativity in Research and supervising Creative Research

- Develop and encourage sense of creativity on research journey
- Provide support throughout the journey of producing creative research
- Contribute on students' projects

• How supervisors can benefit
Prof. Mabel Imbuga , Vice Chancellor, JKUAT, Kenya

11:40 Working with Difference (Gender, Age, Culture)

- Provide a solution on supporting postgraduate learning from a different learning environment
- Encourage metalearning
- Cross-cultural and gender supervision

Dr Nyongesa Michael Wabwile, Dean School of Law, Egerton University, Kenya

12:20 Lunch and Networking Break

13:20 Publishing from the PHD

- Selecting the right elements of research
- Encourage the students for a fine work of publication that is marketable
- Responding to reviews

Dr Wandia Njoya, Head of Department Languages, Daystar University, Kenya

14:00 Ensuring Student Satisfaction: Closing the Loop

- Highlight the variety of postgraduate student experience.
- The holistic approach to creating student satisfaction.
- The importance of feedback and student involvement in creating satisfaction.
- Closing the feedback loop to stakeholders and enhancing quality management.

Prof Faustin Kamuzora, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Mzumbe University, Tanzania

14:40 Afternoon Refreshments and Networking Break

15:00 Innovations in Postgraduate Supervision to Meet the Needs of the Knowledge Society

- Changing our ways of supervising part-time postgraduates using an online supervision framework
- Planning your Research Methodology
- Dealing with Design
- Results – Reporting on experiments and their results.

Prof Patrick G. O. Weke, Director School of Mathematics, University of Nairobi, Kenya

16:00 Close of Conference Day 1

Conference Day 2 – 10 November, 2016

08:15 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:00 Opening Remarks for the Chairman

ENHANCING QUALITY AND CAPACITY OF SUPERVISORS AND POSTGRADUATE CANDIDATES

09:10 Critical Analysis of The Relationship between Supervisors and M & D Candidates

- Examining the importance of the working relationship between a Supervisor and the M & D candidate
- Methods of developing a strong work related bond that is respect based, not motivated by fear
- Evaluating and merging your strengths and weaknesses as a team
- Facilitating external relationships while ensuring that the co-supervisor knows their function within the unit

Prof Linda Ethangatta, Director Institute of Research, Development & Policy, African Nazarene University, Kenya

09:50 Panel Discussion: Enhancing Quality and Capacity of Supervisors

- Evaluating support given to supervisors whilst assessing
- Investing in the development of Supervisors by providing access to training
- Meeting institutional demand expectation today and beyond

Prof Felix Maringe, Professor Education Leadership and Policy Studies Division, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

Prof Linda Ethangatta, Director Institute of Research, Development & Policy, African Nazarene University, Kenya

Prof Maurice Amutabi, Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics, Kisii University, Kenya

10:30 Morning Refreshments and Networking Break

11:00 Institutional Responsibility in the Production and Increment of M & D Candidates

- Examining whether the Institution identifies and recruits talented individuals
- Evaluating what basic support future M & D Candidates receive whilst still at Honours Level
- Ensuring candidates are exposed to an appropriate research environment, whilst providing adequate facilities
- Investing in the development of Supervisors by

providing access to training

- Developing relationships with Funders to aid in funding candidate research

Prof Maurice Amutabi, Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics, Kisii University, Kenya

11:40 Case Study: Unpacking and Overcoming Challenges in Developing High-Quality M & D Candidates and Supervisors

- Examining the gaps in Institutional support offered to M & D Candidates and Supervisors
- Discussing the challenges of having to supervise, whilst still teaching
- Examining the pitfalls of being viewed as “educationally” over-qualified for the job market because of your Masters or Doctorate
- Finding a balance between work, diverse lifestyles and educational goals
- Analysing the performance of rural community institutions compared to the suburban Institutions
- Investigating the failures in Basic Education and their affect in producing M & D candidates
- Dealing with the high cost of M & D studies for foreign candidates

Dr Clayton Peel, Senior Lecturer and Resident Tutor, School of Communication, Language and Performing Arts Daystar University, Kenya

12:20 Lunch and Networking Break

13:20 Rooting Out Plagiarism in Doctorial Education

- Ethical responsibilities of the supervisor and the student
- Institutional policies for quality supervision and research writing
- Dissemination of research findings and publication.
- Issues surrounding intellectual property rights in research
- Enhanced use of e-Supervision education in the light of increased number of student

Prof John Kamande, Associate Dean- Science and Technology, Kenyatta University, Kenya

OPTIMIZING RESEARCH FUNDING SOLUTIONS

14:00 Discussing the Options for Higher Education Institutions Funding Recent Developments and Recognising the Problem

- Developing a system of postgraduate support,
- Assessing the economic and social implications of a fall in postgraduate training levels
- Addressing Recent developments: offering solutions
- Government responses

Dr. Helmut Blumbach, Director, Daad Kenya, Kenya

14:40 Afternoon refreshments and Networking break

15:00 Panel discussion: Funding Solutions Demystified

Universities play a vital role in developing a highly skilled workforce by training postgraduate students. We need these top level skills to compete and succeed in a global knowledge economy this panel discussion examines the options available for individual universities, and groups of universities who might wish to provide their own sources of financial support to prospective postgraduates. These options include risk-sharing with banks, and offering institutional loans financed through funds obtained from the capital markets.

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Dr. George Orwa , Chairman, Department of Statistics Actuarial Sciences ,JKUAT, Kenya

Prof. Mabel Imbuga , Vice Chancellor, JKUAT, Kenya

16:00 End of Conference Day Two

Conference Day 3 – 11 November, 2016

POST CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

08:15 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:00 Opening Remarks

09:10 **Workshop A: Professionalization of PhD Supervision**

- Understanding and working with a Supervisory Biography which gives a detailed overview of all phases tasks and challenges of the PhD trajectory.
- Understanding the high importance of clarifying mutual expectations of doctoral candidates and supervisors, of the changing roles of supervisors as well as of the skills needed to establish a successful supervisory relationship.
- Concepts and techniques for selecting motivated and well educated doctoral candidates in order to avoid dropout or frustration in the PhD trajectory both for the doctoral candidates as well as for the supervisors.
- Identifying and understanding early warning signs of problems and conflicts as well as techniques and skills in order to jointly analyse the cases and to provide possible solutions
- Working with supervisors tools and creating a supervisory toolkit.
- Introducing into supervisory intervention, a peer group coaching technique in order jointly to discuss supervision cases and to exchange experiences with colleagues.

Workshop Facilitator: (TBA)

11:00 **Workshop B: How to get funding: Grant writing workshop for researchers**

- Important principles of grant writing
- Structure of a grant proposal
- How to create a budget plan
- Reviewer-oriented writing
- Funding opportunities

Workshop Facilitator: Dr. Helmut Blumbach, Director, Daad Kenya, Kenya

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