

Special points of
interest:

- Progress regarding proposals submitted
- Updates on the sanitary pads project in Uganda
- HERS-EA family individual accomplishments
- HERS-West Africa launch
- Opportunities for scholarships
- HERS-EA leadership to visit US.

HERS-EA Collaboration with African Centers of Excellence (ACE)



The review process of these grants is ongoing. More information about ACE II program is available at: <http://ace2.iucea.org>

Important Notice!

If you wish to apply for HERS Summer Institute in Denver, USA the deadline (Feb 15th) is fast approaching; see <http://hersnet.org/institutes/denver-summer-institute/>

You WILL love the experience!

HERS-EA Strengthens Collaboration with US higher education institutions (MSU, CSU, AU)

With the leadership of Dr. Florence Wakoko Studstill of Columbus State University (CSU), Columbus, GA and HERS alum (*class of 2013*) and Dr. Margaret Khaita of Mississippi State University (MSU), Starkville,

MS and HERS alum (*class of 2011*), HERS-EA are in the process of developing collaborative research, training, global outreach and leadership development partnerships with MSU, CSU, and The

Auburn University Center for Global Development (AU CEGLO), a collaborative effort between the Office of the Vice President for University Outreach and the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs. <http://www.auburn.edu/outreach/cegl0/3>.



“Women Empowering Women” (WEW) Proposal funded

In September 2015, HERS-EA submitted an Interim Report to **Mississippi State University (MSU)** for the project activities completed regarding the proposal “Women Empowering Women (WEW): Equipping Rural Women with Entrepreneurship Skills and Supporting Education of the Girl Child” project in Butaleja and Bulambuli Districts (Eastern Uganda) – funded by MSU. A Needs Assessment and pre-tests were conducted in the two districts of Bulambuli and Butaleja, by the HERS-EA and Makerere University staff. Bulambuli women were taught business skills to enable them to better manage their

project and make a profit. They were also trained to train other women in making sanitary pads and they were later transported to train Butaleja women. Butaleja women were the beneficiaries of 10 MSU grant when they made their first batch of sanitary pads for Christmas. The evaluation and writing will be completed and submitted to MSU in February 2016; they will also be posted on the HERS-EA website.



women who were delighted to have sold their first sanitary pads at 2015. The Evaluation Final reports

Empowering Women and Communities through University-Mediated Leadership Institute: HERS-EA (Higher Education Resource Services, East Africa) Proposal

This proposal was submitted to The Auburn University Center for Global Development (AU CEGLO), specifically to the Office of the Vice President for University Outreach, in December 2015.

The review of this grant by AU is ongoing and the **objectives** were to: furnish HERS-EA office (Secretariat) and provide a modest stipend for HERS-EA Program Coordinator; sponsor HERS-EA interim leadership to participate in the Women’s Leadership conference at Auburn University, in February, 2015; develop a HERS-EA Leadership and Management curriculum & train HERS-EA leaders; host the 1st HERS-EA Institute; scale up the sanitary pads project to other districts in Uganda and Eastern Africa; provide seed money on a loan basis (microfinance) for the project (making sanitary pads) for rural women in Bulambuli and Butaleja Districts, Eastern Uganda and provide research and outreach opportunity for HERS-EA women.

HERS-EA Book Chapter Update/Special Issue Journal

In September 2015, HERS-EA submitted a Book chapter for inclusion in the ***IHETL Volume 7, University Partnerships for Academic Program and Professional Development in September 2015***. Unfortunately, the editors decided not to proceed with the chapter based on the reviews and the feedback received from the reviewers as well as the editors’ assessment of the suitability and quality of the chapter. Below are excerpts from reviewers’ comments:

“How does HERS-EA plan to support and operationalize the framework?”; “I appreciate that this program is still a work in progress, but it would be helpful to have some measures of effectiveness. Can you provide any data, even if more anecdotal, about effectiveness and impact?”; “References are not APA formatted”;

HERS-EA executive have used the reviews provided to improve on the HERS-EA book chapter and re-submitted it to a peer review journal “Africa Journal for Animal and Biomedical Sciences” for a Special Issue to be published this year. Reviewer’s comments are pending. Updates will be provided as and when received. Thank you to all who contributed!

Women Empowering Women in Business and Human Rights (WEW-BHR) Proposal

On December 18, 2015, a proposal “*Women Empowering Women in Business and Human Rights (WEW-BHR)*” was submitted to US Department of State (\$495,000). Collaborating institutions include MSU (PI), HERS-EA (sub-award) CSU, AU, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania, Africa Institute for Strategic Resources Development (AFRISA), Haki Madini, a local NGO in Tanzania, Conservation and EcoHealth Alliance (CEHA), a local NGO in Uganda. The goal of this project was to train women in issues of human rights, dignity, and education to enhance their communities and build better futures through meaningfully shaping business and human rights (BHR) in communities living near extraction industries in Tanzania and Uganda. **This proposal is pending review.**

HERS-EA women accomplishments

Congratulations to **Catherine Kanabahita**:(below; right with Ms Linda Thomas-Greenfield, left, US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs)

Catherine, Director, Gender Mainstreaming at Makerere University and HERS-SA alum, one of the founder members of HERS-EA was awarded In-Residence (S-I-R) at Clark Atlanta University, (August 2015 to June 2016). Catherine’s assignment and African perspectives into research, teaching gagement with Clark Atlanta University, Georgia Mississippi Valley State University, and Georgia In- gya, Georgia Tech Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts.



a Fulbright Scholar- Atlanta Georgia is to integrate gen- and community en- State University, stitute of Technolo-

The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program assists U.S. higher education institutions in expanding programs of academic exchange.

Professor Wanjiku Mukabi Kabira develops Master’s degree in Women Leadership & Governance

Prof. Wanjiku Mukabi Center, University of Nai- **Master of Arts in Women,** This is an Africa wide pro- knowledge on political through academic dia- Also available is a Diplo- the program is posted at HERS-EA website at the link below: <http://www.hers-ea.org/#!news/c1nvs>



Kabira of the African Women’s Studies robi, Kenya spearheaded development of a **Leadership and Governance in Africa.** gram that intends to bring African women’s and management styles into visibility logues, debate, research and publications. ma and Ph. D in same discipline. A flier on

Please share your accomplishments with HERS-EA so we can celebrate with the HERS-EA family!

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"The day will come when men will recognize woman as his peer, not only at the fireside, but in councils of the nation. Then, and not until then, will there be the perfect comradeship, the ideal union between the sexes that shall result in the highest development of the race."

Susan B Anthony,
(1820-1906)

For more information
visit, www.hers-ea.org

Office Space for HERS-EA (Update)

In November 2015, HERS-EA Executive submitted a letter to The Executive Secretary, The Inter - University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) requesting for office space at their new office block at Kyambogo, a Kampala suburb. Prof. Mary Okwakol, Vice Chancellor, Busitema University, and (HERS-SA alum) & a member, IUCEA Board is assisting with this process.

Higher Education Resource Services, West Africa (HERS-WA) Launched

Higher Education Resource Services, West Africa (HERS-WA) was launched at a Two-Day International Conference that took place between Monday, 9th November and Friday, 13th November, 2015 at the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Osun State, southwest of Nigeria. The theme of the conference was: **Women Leading Change and Changing Leadership in West Africa**. Details of the launch can be found at the link below:

<http://www.oauife.edu.ng/2015/10/higher-education-resource-services-west-africa-hers-wa-launch-and-two-day-conference/>

HERS-EA Executive To Attend Women's Leadership Conference at AU

HERS-EA interim executive (Ruth Muwazi, Dr. Irene Naigaga, Ms Naomi Lumutenga and Ms Loyce Hamba) will be attending a Women's Conference organized and sponsored by Auburn University (AU) to be held on February 15-17, 2016 at Auburn, Alabama, USA. They will present a panel discussion on "*Challenges and Prospects of Women in Higher Education in Eastern Africa*". They will also visit Columbus State University (CSU), Columbus, GA; University of Georgia, Mississippi State University (MSU), Starkville, MS and Pomona College, Claremont, California where they will meet with several faculty and administrators at these institutions, give several presentations and hold discussions on collaborative research, training and leadership development partnerships between HERS-EA and AU, CSU and MSU. Dr. Florence Wakoko Studstill (CSU) and Dr. Margaret Khaita (MSU) (HERS alums) will also attend and present at the conference and host HERS-EA executive. Other HERS-EA members presenting at the conference are Prof. Wanjiku Kabira from University of Nairobi, Kenya. Below is the link to the conference.

<http://www.auburn.edu/outreach/facultyengagement/symposium.htm>

Scholarship Opportunities for African Women in and Developing Countries

Below is a link to 2016 List of various Scholarships (undergraduate, Masters, MBA and PhD) that are open for women from African and developing countries. Application deadlines and other information provided on this site can change at any time. You are therefore advised to visit the recommended scholarship organization website.

[2016 List of Scholarships for African women and Developing Countries](#)

And finally.....

We welcome any news, views, e.t.c. which you would like to share! Please email : nlumutenga@hotmail.co.uk by June 15 2016; the next newsletter will be due on July 1 2016.