

# RUFORUM Annual General 2019

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University of Cape Coast, Ghana

## Forum for Women Vice Chancellors in Africa (FAWoVC) Symposium

GUIDING NOTES ON SESSION

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Venue: Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang Auditorium

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**Session:** Setting the Scene  
**Date:** Monday 2nd December, 2019  
**Time:** 0830-1000  
**Venue:** Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang Auditorium

**Session Rapporteurs:** Dr. Robert Kawuki, Dr. Saphina Biira and Ms. Harriet Nabirye

### Background:

The Forum for Women Vice Chancellors in Africa (FAWoVC) was established in 2016 to encourage more women to take leadership role and provide a platform to significantly influence the development of higher education in the Continent. As managers of higher education institutions, they have a greater opportunity to interact with youth and leaders from both governments and private sectors. They thus have a greater chance to influence decisions made in regard to human resource training and employability. The FAWoVC therefore provides an opportunity for female higher education leaders in Africa to focus on drumming support for gender equality and women's empowerment for development.

This symposium is organised by FAWoVC as part of the project implemented by Busitema University, Uganda on *Strengthening Capacity of the Forum for African Women Vice Chancellors to Promote Gender Inclusive Participation in Science, Technology and Innovation*, which is funded by Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM).

### The aim and objectives of the FAWoVC symposium

The FAWoVC symposium in Cape Coast aims at providing a platform for female leaders of higher education and other sectors in Africa to deliberate on gender equality in higher education and women's empowerment. As such it will contribute to enhancing women participation and

leadership role in Africa's Universities Agenda for Agricultural Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (AHISTI). Specifically, the meeting will allow for:

1. Discussion on the status of women participation in science, technology and innovation with particular focus on Africa
2. Sharing lessons and experiences with women leaders of similar institutions from other parts of the World in regards to strengthening institutional capacities to nurture women leaders in science, technology and innovation
3. Hold discussion on six country case studies on status of science, technology and innovation and implication for gender inclusiveness in science, technology and innovation initiatives.
4. Hold business meeting of the FAWoVC in order to: receive and review reports on activities of the FAWoVC in the year 2018/2019; review FAWoVC objectives and key activities, as well as governance and management arrangements; and discuss and approve plans for activities for the year 2019/2020.
5. Hold skill enhancement training for emerging scientists from both universities and research scientists
6. Engage in dialogue events to promote gender inclusivity and role of women and leadership in national agendas
7. Hold interactive session for selected leaders with emerging Scientists as part of the mentoring programme under the IsDB funded project.

**Session objective:** To set the scene for the FAWoVC Forum

**Session Chair:** Prof. Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Coast and Former Minister of Education, Ghana

**Speakers:**

1. Prof. Dora Francisca Edu-Buandoh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Coast, Ghana
2. Prof. Paul Waako, Vice Chancellor, Busitema University, Uganda
3. Prof. Mary Okwakol, Chairperson, FAWoVC
4. Hon. Shirley Ayorkor Botchway, Minister for Foreign affairs and Regional Integration, Ghana
5. Prof. Alice Pell, former Vice Provost, Cornell University, USA

**Key Note Speaker:** Prof. Alice Pell, former Vice Provost, Cornell University, USA: ***State of women participation in science, technology and innovation with particular focus on Africa***

**Guiding notes for the Key Note Address**

1. Participation and role of women in ST&I in line with the regional and continental frameworks- for example, STISA 2024, S3A and aspirations of Agenda 2063
2. The continental trends of women participation in STI; highlighting specific examples of high or low participation
3. The influence of low (or high) participation women in ST&I on Africa's technological and economic development

4. The need for diversity in science and technology to reduce gender biases and address needs and issues that are specific to women
5. The need for Policy makers, academia and private sector stakeholders to incorporate gender from the inception phase of their policies, projects and products
6. Mechanisms of supporting gender equality in ST&I and STEM and how they can be linked with other efforts that aim for greater diversity in general and the inclusion of marginalized and disadvantaged groups.

Time	Agenda item	Responsible party
<b>Day One: Monday 02 December 2019</b>		
<b>Session One: Setting the Scene</b>		
<b>Session Chair:</b> Prof. Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Coast and Former Minister of Education , Ghana		
0830-0840	Welcome remarks	Prof. Dora Francisca Edu-Buandoh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Coast, Ghana
0840-0850	Remarks	Prof. Paul Waako, Vice Chancellor, Busitema University, Uganda
0850-0900	Setting the Scene and Objectives of the Dialogue	Prof. Mary Okwakol, Chairperson, FAWoVC
0900-0920	Official Opening Address	Hon. Shirley Ayorkor Botchway, Minister for Foreign affairs and Regional Integration, Ghana
0920-0940	<b>Key Note Address:</b> State of women participation in science, technology and innovation with particular focus on Africa	Prof. Alice Pell, former Vice Provost, Cornell University, USA
0940-1000	Reactions to the Keynote address	<b>ALL</b>
<b>1000-1030</b>	<b>Health Break &amp; Group Photographs</b>	
<b>Session Two: Enhancing participation of women in STI: What will it take?</b>		
<b>Session Chair:</b> Martha Muhwezi – Executive Director, Forum for African Women Educationists		
1030-1100	<b>Lead Speaker:</b> Dr. Irene Annor Frempong, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Accra, Ghana	
1100-1215	<b>Panel:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Speaker (West Africa): Prof. (Mrs.) Ibiyinka Fuwape, Vice Chancellor, Michael and Cecilia Ibru University, Nigeria</li> <li>2. Prof. Fatima Batul Mukhtar, Vice Chancellor, Federal University Dutse, Nigeria</li> <li>3. Speaker (Central Africa): Prof. Theresia Nkuo Akenji, Vice Chancellor University of Bamenda, Cameroon</li> </ol>	<b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Martha Muhwezi, Executive Director Forum for African Women Educationists

	<p>4. Speaker (Eastern Africa): Prof. Fadwa Abdurahman Ali Taha, University of Khartoum, Sudan</p> <p>5. Speaker (Southern Africa): Prof. Thoko Mayekiso, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mpumalanga, South Africa</p>	
1215-1245	Reactions and Comments from the Audience	ALL
1245-1300	Summary by the Moderator	Ms. Martha Muhwezi, Executive Director Forum for African Women Educationists
1300-1400	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>Session Three: Strengthening institutional capacities to nurture women leaders in science, technology and innovation: key lessons</b>		
<b>Session Chair:</b> Prof. Christine Dranzoa, Vice Chancellor, Muni University, Uganda		
1400-1430	<b>Lead Speaker:</b> Prof. (Mrs.) Esi Awuah, Foundation Vice Chancellor, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Ghana	
1430-1530	<p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Speaker: Theresa Akenga, Vice Chancellor, University of Eldoret, Kenya</li> <li>2. Speaker: Prof Domwini Dabire Kuupole, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Coast, Ghana</li> <li>3. Speaker: Dr. Codou Diaw, Programme Lead, Eastern Africa Partner Network, Mastercard Foundation</li> <li>4. Speaker (Private Sector): Mrs. Jeanine Cooper, Founder and Senior Managing Partner of FABRAR Liberia Inc.</li> <li>5. Judith Francis, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), Netherlands</li> </ol>	<b>Session Moderator:</b> Prof. Christine Dranzoa, Vice Chancellor, Muni University, Uganda
1530-1550	Reactions and Comments from the Audience	ALL
1550-1600	Summary by the Moderator	Prof. Christine Dranzoa, Vice Chancellor, Muni University, Uganda
1600-1630	<b>Tea Break</b>	
<b>Session Four: Mainstreaming inclusivity into STI policy frameworks</b>		
<b>Session Chair:</b> Prof Pinkie Zwane, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of eSwatini, eSwatini		
1630-1700	<b>Lead Speaker:</b> Tracking gender inclusiveness in Africa: Lessons and experience from the Sudan	Her Excellency Entisar Sigheroon, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Government of Sudan

1700-1730	Discussions	ALL
<b>1730-1900</b>	<b>Free Space</b>	
1900-2200	Dinner for Women Vice Chancellors and invited Guests (Venue: Ridge Royal Hotel)	<p>Master of Ceremonies: Mrs. Mary Ama Bawa, University of Cape Coast</p> <p>Remarks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. Dora Francisca Edu-Buandoh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Coast, Ghana</li> <li>2. Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary, RUFORUM</li> </ol> <p>Guest Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mrs. Nancy Thompson, Chairperson, Council of University of Cape Coast</li> <li>2. UNESCO Representative (TBC)</li> </ol>
<b>End of day One</b>		
<b>Day Two: Tuesday 03 December 2019</b>		
<b>Session Five: Country Case Studies on STI and Implication for Gender inclusiveness in STI</b>		
Session Chair/Moderator: Dr. Mick Mwala, Former Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Zambia, Zambia		
<b>Health Break</b>	Summary of the key issues raised in day one	Dr. Ivone Muocha, Deputy Director of the Center for Research and Technology Transference for Community Development, Mozambique
0845-0950	Lead paper: Synthesis of the ST&I country case studies, Dr. Florence Nakayiwa, Deputy Executive Secretary, RUFORUM	<p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof Luisa Santos (Mozambique)</li> <li>2. Prof Muna Elhag (Sudan)</li> <li>3. Dr. CT Tizikara (Uganda)</li> <li>4. Prof. Moses Zinnah (Liberia)</li> <li>5. Dr. Sokona Dagnoko (Mali)</li> <li>6. Dr. Adlyn Omojowo Johnson nee Holland (Sierra Leone)</li> </ol>
0950-1000	Highlights of emerging issues	Dr. Mick Mwala, Former Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Zambia, Zambia
1000-1030	<b>Health Break</b>	
<b>Designing action agenda for strengthening women leadership and role in STI</b>		
1030-1130	Group Work to distil key actions and strategies to increase women participation and leadership in STI	<b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Elsie Effah Kaufmann, University of Ghana, Legon
1130-1200	Plenary Presentations and discussion	
1200-1215	Summary of key issues and action points from Day 2	Dr. Ivone Muocha, Deputy Director of the Center for Research and Technology Transference for Community Development, Mozambique
1215-1330	FAWoVC Business meeting	
1330-1430	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>UCC to guide</b>
1430-1545	Free Space	
1600-1830	Public Dialogue, Address by Prof. Patrick Loch Otieno Lumumba	New Examination Centre

<b>End of day Two</b>		
<b>Day Three: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>		
0830-1300	Vice Chancellors Forum: Delivering on Africa's Universities Agenda for Agricultural Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation	School of Medical Sciences Auditorium
1300-1400	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
1430-1730	Vice Chancellors & Ministers Dialogue	Elizabeth Adabor Conference Hall
1730-1900	Free Space	
1900-2200	Ministers-Vice Chancellors Dinner	<b>UCC to advise</b>
<b>End of day Three</b>		
<b>Day Four: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019</b>		
0700-0930	Breakfast meeting for Vice Chancellors	CA Ackah Lecture Theatre First Floor
0930-1000	Free Space	
1000-1300	Annual Meeting of Vice Chancellors	New Examination Centre
1300-1400	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
1400-1500	Free space	
1500-1830	Official Opening of the RUFORUM Annual General Meeting	New Examination Centre
1830-1900	Free space	
1900-2200	Cocktail Reception	<b>UCC to advise</b>
<b>End of day Four</b>		
<b>Day Five Friday 6 December 2019</b>		
0830-1830	RUFORUM Annual General Meeting	
1430-1700	Interactive Session for Selected Leaders with emerging Scientists  <b>Session Moderator:</b> Prof. Mary Okwakol, FAWoC	School of Graduate Studies Conference Room <b>Key Resource Persons:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. Stella Williams, NiWARD, Nigeria</li> <li>2. Prof. Mabel Imbuga, Former Vice Chancellor, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Kenya</li> <li>3. Prof. Patrick Rubaihayo, Former Minister of Agriculture, Uganda</li> <li>4. Prof. Peter Mbatia, Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor, Botho University, Botswana</li> <li>5. Prof. Alice Pell, Former Vice Provost, Cornell University, USA</li> <li>6. Prof. Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Coast and Former Minister of Education, Ghana</li> <li>7. Dr. Goretti Nabanoga, Deputy Principal College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Makerere University, Uganda</li> </ol>

		8. Dr. Kebatenne Hulela, Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN), Botswana 9. Prof. Luisa Santos, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique 10. Prof. Mick Sikaenyi Mwala, University of Zambia, Zambia 11. Mr. Andre Okunzuwa, Program Partner, Mastercard Foundation, Canada
1700-1930	Free space	
1930-2230	Farewell Gala Dinner (TBC)	<b>UCC to Advise</b>
<b>Saturday 7 December 2019: Departures</b>		

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