



Matchmaking Event concept

Title of event: Driving locally grounded research through strong partnerships and networks

Partner: University of Nairobi

Venue; University of Nairobi Towers, 5TH floor

Date: 28th & 29th September 2022

Overview

Kenya is one of the countries implementing IPA's Researcher Diversification Strategy, an initiative that seeks to grow the number of local researchers in the countries that IPA works in, in efforts to promote a more diverse and inclusive organization. We recognize most research continues to be produced in the Global North. Africa, for example, produces only 1 percent of the world's research output and has only 198 researchers per million people, compared to 455 per million in Chile and more than 4,500 per million in the United Kingdom and the United States¹.

We believe that our ability to generate high-quality evidence and advance evidence-informed programs and policies is dependent on engaging local researchers who are from the countries where the research and policy work takes place².

About the matchmaking event,

One of IPA's strategies to support researcher diversification is to act as a convener to facilitate learning and skills development and foster relationship-building among local researchers and partners.

IPA Kenya country office is organizing an in-person matchmaking event that will bring together the local researchers, Southern researchers, representatives of donor institutions, and policymakers to network, learn from each other and establish relationships that will advance the participation of local researchers in generating policy-relevant evidence.

Purpose/Objective

The broad objective of this matchmaking event is to; *Strengthen IPA's engagement and collaboration with local researchers in generating research for impact.*

We hope to achieve the following outcomes during this event.

1. Discuss the gaps and challenges that local researchers face when fundraising for research and share tips for standing a better chance of being funded.
2. Understand the donor perspective on local researcher engagement and support.
3. Identify similar interests within specific groups/researchers with a view to raising the prospects of building a community of local researchers.
4. Facilitate learning, networking, and deeper engagements between researchers and partners.

¹ Alan Christoffels, "Africa Needs Another Million PhD Scientists to Develop Homegrown Solutions," Quartz Africa, accessed December 8, 2020, <https://qz.com/africa/1290710/africa-needs-one-million-more-scientists/>

² Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) Annual_Report_2011-2012.

Matchmaking Event Program

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022	
8.00am - 8.45 am	Registration
8.45 am – 9.00am	Opening remarks (<i>IPA Country Director</i>)
9.00 am-9.15am	Keynote address (<i>Prof. Gituro- UoN</i>)
9.15am-9.40am	Introduction to IPA and the Researcher Diversification Strategy (<i>IPA</i>)
9.40am- 10.00am	Role of donors/ funders in supporting locally driven research - (<i>PEP</i>)
10.00am - 10.30am	Tea Break
10.30am-10.50am	Action on fundraising for African led research- Recommendations for funders, researchers and policy makers – (<i>ESSA</i>)
10.50 am- 11.10am	Fundamentals of writing funding proposals (<i>IPA</i>)
11.10am – 11.30am	<i>Q&A</i>
11.30am – 11.50 am	<i>Open session: Lessons from the field, a local researchers' experience. (Prof. Ndiritu, Strathmore University and Prof. Inyega, UoN)</i>
11.50am- 1.15pm	<p><i>Panel Session: Building A Pipeline of Researchers And Networks Across Countries and Continents (Moderator: Prof. Inyega, UoN)</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Amos Njuguna (<i>NIERA</i>) 2. Suleiman Asman (<i>IPA</i>) 3. Dr. Murugi Ndirangu (<i>CGC</i>) 4. Michael Musyoki (<i>FCDO</i>) 5. Dr. Antony Mveyange (<i>PASGR</i>) <p>• <i>Q&A</i></p>
1.15 pm-2.00pm	Lunch Break
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Strengthening demand driven research- Policy makers perspective (<i>MoE</i>)
2.30pm-3.30pm	<i>Interactive group session; Opportunity mapping</i>
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Key lessons /takeaways (<i>IPA</i>)
4.00pm – 4.30pm	Tea Break



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SEPTEMBER 29, 2022	
8.00am - 8.45 am	Registration
8.45 am – 9.00am	Recap (<i>IPA</i>)
9.00 am-9.20am	Maximizing the impact of research for policy (<i>co-creation</i>) - (<i>IPA</i>)
9.20am-9.40am	Research design - Randomized evaluations & Theory of Change – (<i>IPA</i>)
9.40am- 10.00am	Q&A
10.00am - 10.30am	Tea Break
10.30am-12.00pm	<i>Workshop Session</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diagnosis of gaps in local researcher engagement. (Pressing problems and questions) ii Possible interventions /activities to address these challenges. iii. Support areas to be prioritize?
12.00pm- 1.00pm	Group presentations
1.00 pm-2.00pm	Lunch Break
2.00pm – 3.30pm	<i>Match-making session</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education aligned interests 2. Agriculture group aligned interests
3.30pm – 3.45pm	Key lessons /takeaways (<i>IPA</i>)
3.45pm-4.00pm	Closing Remarks (<i>UoN</i>)
4.00pm – 5.30pm	Networking High Tea