



## ACEIDHA Assists CBU School of Medicine to Develop a New MSc in Applied Epidemiology



**Top & Bottom:** ACEIDHA and ACE-SM Participants in the Curriculum Development Workshop for New Masters programmes to be offered at Copperbelt University pose for group photos at Zambezi Source Lodge in Kabwe.



The academic staff from the Africa Centre of Excellence for Infectious Diseases of Humans and Animals (ACEIDHA) based in the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Zambia assists the School of Medicine at Copperbelt University to develop a new Masters degree programme during a four-day workshop held in Kabwe, Zambia.

It is envisaged that the Africa Centre Excellence for Sustainable Mining at Copperbelt University would be engaged to supplement the environmental aspects of some courses.

This workshop's main objective was to develop curriculum for the new masters degree programmes in Applied Epidemiology to be at Copperbelt University.

This workshop, which was held at Zambezi Source Lodge in Kabwe, Zambia, begun on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and ended on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The major deliverable was that the curriculum for the new Masters of Science in Epidemiology which would be offered at Copperbelt University was developed and students recruitment would begin soon.

## ACEIDHA POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS PRESENT THEIR RESEARCH INCEPTION CONCEPT NOTES

By Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019, ACEIDHA has conducted the fourth session for presentation of inception concept notes by Postgraduate (PhD and Masters) students.

On this day, seven (7) PhD students and three (3) Masters students were presenting their inception research concept notes on what they will research on in the School of Veterinary Medicine Boardroom.

Some of the key interest areas for research by students were:

- i) Drug resistance
- ii) Zoonotic parasitic diseases
- iii) Neglected tropical diseases and
- iv) Vector borne diseases.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019, all the PhD students and Masters students will be taken through the research techniques to orient them on how to go about carrying out research.

And Dr Chisoni Mumba and ACEIDHA Training and Research, Dr Martin Simunza, ensured the presentation of the students inception concept notes were well coordinated and cording the Journal Club.



## MALAWI'S PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE SEEKS TO PARTNER WITH ACEIDHA

On Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Acting ACEIDHA Centre Leader, Prof. Bernard Hang'ombe, hosted special visitors from the Public Health Institute led by Chief of Health Services of the Ministry of Health in Malawi, Dr. Charles Mwansambo, and Assistant Director of Public Health Institute of Malawi, Dr. Evelyn Banda.

The team from Malawi was brought to ACEIDHA's office by Zambia National Public Health Institute (ZNPHI) Head— Communication and Information, Mrs Mazyanga Mazaba Liwewe.

ACEIDHA has an existing partnership with ZNPHI as a public institution dealing with the management of health concerns of the Zambian people. ZNPHI falls under the Ministry of Health in Zambia.

The team from Malawi and ACEIDHA discussed a number of areas for possible partnerships such as:

- i) Zoonotic parasitic diseases
- ii) Neglected tropical diseases and
- iii) Vector borne diseases.
- iv) Collaborative research and diagnosis.

After the discussion, the team took time to tour the laboratories and other teaching facilities.

Acting ACEIDHA Centre Leader was accompanied by Dr. Andrew Phiri, Dr. Humprey Simukoko, Dr. Chummy Sikasunge And ACEIDHA Project Manager, Mrs. Marjorie Phiri.



## 3 ACEIDHA Staff Attend IUCEA Communication Training

Three staff of Africa Centre of Excellence for Infectious Diseases of Humans and Animals (ACEIDHA) has undergone Communication training organised by the Inter-Universities Council of East Africa (IUCEA) for Communication Officers from 24 Africa Centres of Excellence (ACEs) on many topics that concerned dissemination of information on several activities of their projects.

Three (3) Officers who were sponsored by ACEIDHA to attend this training are: Mrs Marjorie Phiri, Project Manager; Mr. Damaseke Chibale, Communications Officer and Mrs. Patricia Sakala, Communications Officer.

The main purpose of the training was to expose Communication Officers from various ACEs to modern trends of communication in the digital age and make them appreciate the importance of communicating their projects and activities to key stakeholders.

The communication training, which was held at Hilton Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya, was officially opened by the IUCEA Deputy Executive Secretary, Prof. Mike Kuria, who urged participants to focus on applying the knowledge and skills they would acquire on improving their communication outputs in their respective ACEs.

Some of the topics covered during the training included Introduction to PR and PR Strategies, Strategic Communication, Monitoring and Evaluation, Stakeholder Engagement and Mapping, Integrated Marketing and Communication, Effective Media Relations & Crisis Communication, Digital Communication and Social Media and many more.

The communication training attracted about 20 Communication Officers from Zambia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. The training was scheduled to run from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. The facilitators were Capital One Group, a training consulting firm based in Nairobi, Kenya.

The IUCEA, as the Regional Facilitation Unit for the World Bank-funded Africa Centres of Excellence II (ACE II), oversees the various ACEs in carry out cutting edge research in various fields of study ranging from agriculture, infectious diseases, sustainable mining, fish farming, to Information Communication Technology (ICT) Internet of Thing.



*Prof. Mike Kuria opening the Communication Training.*



*Participants pause for a group photo on first day of training.*



*ACEIDHA staff at the Communication Training.*

## ACEIDHA Develops Its Official Logo

The Africa Centre of Excellence for Infectious Diseases of Humans and Animals (ACEIDHA) is proud to announce the development and launch of its official logo.

ACEIDHA logo attracted a lot of imagination and reflect the key concept and main purpose of the project. This logo will be used in all official correspondences, website and other social media.

The next stage is the design and development of the ACEIDHA website. Currently, this activity is at procurement stage to select a Website Designer.



Official ACEIDHA Logo

## ACEIDHA Strikes Deal With Zambia News and Information Service

In its efforts to disseminate information on its operations and activities, the Africa Centre of Excellence for Infectious Diseases of Humans and Animals (ACEIDHA) has entered into a mutual understanding with the Zambia News and Information Services (ZANIS) which is a national news agency under the Ministry of Information, Broadcasting Services.

ZANIS sends its news and information to all media houses in Zambia which ensures wide coverage of any ACEIDHA activities.

Under this business relationship, ZANIS will carry stories and videos about ACEIDHA programmes, research findings, community activities and students recruitments.

