

ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS IN AFRICA (ARAA) 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



ARAA is an Association of Research Administrators in Africa (ARAA) whose goal is in enhancing the quality of research administration. This association organizes annual meetings which aim at sharing knowledge on research administration, grants writing and management through joint experiences and challenges as well as sharing opportunities for effective work. In addition, this meeting also creates opportunities for networking and development of partnerships among individuals and institutions involved in research.

The 5th Annual General Meeting and Conference of ARAA took place / was held between 1st-4th December, 2014 at Silver Springs Hotel in Kampala, Uganda. It was attended by **over 100** participants from **8** countries in Africa from 52 institutions. Three representatives from the University of Nairobi, College of Health Sciences PRIME-K Program namely Francis Njiri, Linda Kapiyo and Syprine Omwega attended this workshop whose theme was *'Increasing research capacity at institutions – lessons that have worked.'* The workshop tracks during this meeting included: research administration and management, grants writing and award management and knowledge transfer and management. The interactive and informative workshop included presentations made by senior researchers from Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, **South Africa**, **Nigeria**, Zimbabwe, USA. Francis Njiri made a presentation on *'What the institutional leadership needs to do to increase research quality and quantity at institutions.'* At the end of the workshop, the three representatives were awarded with certificates for their active participation during the workshop. The workshop presented an opportunity for the university of

Nairobi representatives to share the UoN story in supporting research administration and benefit from experiences shared by other institutions.



Figure 1 Francis giving his presentation



Figure 2 The UoN participants pose for a photo with the Nigerian team

