

**Wangari Mathaai Institute Staff Participate in the 4th GPSS-GLI International Symposium at the University of Tokyo, Japan, 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015**



***Lilian Kong'ani (M.Sc. student, WMI) receiving the best poster award (third place) from the Chairman of the Poster Evaluation Committee, Prof. Makoto Yokohari of the University of Tokyo)***

Prof. David Mungai and Lilian Kong'ani participated in the 4th International Symposium organized by the University of Tokyo's Global Program in Sustainability Science – Global Leadership Program (GPSS-GLI) which was held on 19th-20th November, 2015 at the Kashiwa-no-ha Conference Centre in Tokyo, Japan. The objective of the Symposium was to discuss a new evaluation scheme for sustainability science programs in higher education by (1) sharing experiences in education practices among participating higher education institutions and (2) discussing indicator concepts for evaluating sustainability science programs. Participating faculty and students were drawn from leading universities from around the world including Lund University (Sweden), Clark University (USA), University of Wisconsin – Madison (USA), National

University of Singapore, the University of Nairobi (Kenya), Harvard University (USA), the Australian National University (Australia), National Cheng Kung University (Taiwan), among others.

During the Symposium, Lilian Kongani won the best poster award – third place, for a poster titled “Adoption and Use of Clean Energy Cooking Technologies for Sustainable Communities: The Case of Nairobi Urban Poor”.

Prof. Mungai held meetings with a number of staff from the University of Tokyo and the United Nations University (1) with Prof. Takashi Mino, Dean of Graduate School of Frontier Sciences & Coordinator of GPSS-GLI, The University of Tokyo, to discuss collaboration between the two Universities, (2) with Prof. Hirotaka Matsuda on joint research proposal on „Development of climate change adaptation strategies for human health impacts in East Africa” to be submitted to the joint NACOSTI-JSPS joint research call next year and (3) with Prof. Masafumi Nagao and Dr. Emmanuel Mutisya of the United Nations University on progress of funding application to the African Development for the ESDA-SUD programme in Kenya and other ESDA Consortium matters. Other meetings were with Profs. Angela Pakes Ahlman (University of Wisconsin – Madison) and Teppei Numoura (University of Tokyo) to discuss university sustainability best practices.

Prof. David Mungai also attended the GPSS-GLI International Board Meeting AY 2015.