

ABSTRACT

Dr Akinyi participated in the Shanghai open university international staff exchange fellowship program from June 1st 2015 to June 12th 2015.

Her topic was a comparative study of support systems for Gender Distance Education at Egerton University, Kenya and Shanghai Open University, China.

The participants were drawn from Europe and Asia; one lady from Trinity University Ireland, one lady and a gentleman from Open University of London, a gentleman from Open University of Spain, a lady from Mongolian Science and Technology University, a gentleman from Open University of Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma) University, South Korea University, Muhungushi University-Zambia. In total we were ten scholars, four ladies and six gentlemen. Only two were drawn from Africa.

The purpose of the international staff exchange fellowship program was to promote co-operation between foreign open universities and Shanghai Open University through academic exchange and to enhance the quality of teaching and research in the field of open and distance learning after proving to be such a capable and conscientious researcher ready to conduct the proposed research and share the best open and distance learning practices between Kenya and China.