

# DR. SALOME BUKACHI ATTENDS THE AFRICAN WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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Each year the African Women in Agriculture Research and Development (AWARD) gives fellowships to people, especially, women who have made significant contribution to agriculture. The fellowships are given on the basis of intellectual merit, leadership capacity, and the potential of the scientist's research to improve the daily lives of smallholder farmers, especially women. AWARD directly invests in women scientists, empowering them to help close the gender gaps across the agricultural value chain. From the 18-22 March 2003 Dr. Salome Bukachi, a Research Fellow at the Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies attended the second Mentoring Orientation Workshop in Kampala Uganda. Dr. Bukachi participated as a mentor for one of our former MA (Gender and Development) students, Edna Mutua, who was competitively selected as an AWARD Fellow. The workshop was very iterative, resourceful and helped to introduce Fellows to the mentoring process and how to build their careers in the agricultural field. Mentors were introduced to formal mentoring skills and tools not just to help mentor others, but also to self-improve. Following the workshop, Fellows came up with personal statements that will help them work towards greater achievement as they aim improve their potential to contribute to the prosperity and well-being of African smallholder farmers, most of whom are women. The AWARD Director Dr. Vicki Wilde had this to say *"Only with the full involvement and leadership of women in agriculture will Africa succeed in its quest for food security and prosperity. AWARD is here to nurture and accelerate that process. There is no time to lose."*

**About AWARD:** AWARD is a career-development program that equips top women scientists across sub-Saharan Africa to accelerate agricultural gains by strengthening their research and leadership skills, through tailored fellowships. It is a professional development program that strengthens the research and leadership skills of African women in agricultural science, empowering them to contribute more effectively to poverty alleviation and food security in sub-Saharan Africa. AWARD Fellows benefit from two-year fellowships focused on fostering mentoring partnerships, building science skills, and developing leadership capacity. More information about AWARD may be found at <http://awardfellowships.org>