



**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**  
**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**  
**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND EXTERNAL STUDIES**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS**

**NEWSLETTER**

**UPCOMING DEPARTMENTAL CONFERENCE**

**AFRICE CONFERENCE**

**Background Information**

The first official Executive Committee Meeting of AFRICE was held in Corsica (France) on July 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 during the Fifth Annual Conference of the Mediterranean Comparative Education Society (MESCE).

Opening the meeting, the President of AFRICE, Dr. Willibroad Dze-Ngwa welcomed all the members present and thanked them for attending the meeting despite their various busy schedules and responsibilities in their home countries and Universities. He also extended a word of thanks to the MESCE, and the Honorary President, Prof. Giovanni Pampanini, for making it possible for this meeting to take place. He was glad to announce the admission of AFRICE into the World Council

of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES). Dr. Dze-Ngwa expressed regrets that some members from the Congo and Senegal could not attend due to visa problems. The President then conducted formal introduction of the members present.

Following interesting discussions and debates it was agreed that:

**On Membership,**

- AFRICE National chapters should recruit members in their respective countries.
- Membership fee should be US \$ 50 per individual member. US \$ 30 is to be retained and used by the national chapters and US\$20 be sent to AFRICE main account.

**On AFRICE Activities,** the main activities of AFRICE should include but not limited to;

- Research in Comparative Education.
- International, Regional and National Conferences and
- Publication. (On this score the creation of an African Journal of Comparative Education (AJCE) was announced and the Executive Committee was charged with the responsibility of steering the first edition by April 2012.

## **Achievements so Far**

- An important Comparative Education meeting was held in October 2010 in Yaoundé (Cameroon) which saw the official adoption of the AFRICE Constitution
- AFRICE was officially admitted to WCCES in May 2011 in Montreal Canada
- A PhD programme was started in the University of Addis Ababa with 10 candidates
- Meeting with authorities of the University of Yaoundé I and the University of Bamenda to sell the idea of International studies and Comparative Education.
- Meeting with some Africans and AFRICANISTS in the Diaspora to sell AFRICE objectives.

## **Future Activities**

- The President, Dr. Dze-Ngwa, was to attend the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the African Studies Association scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC
- The Honorary President, Prof. Giovanni Pampanini had scheduled a working tour to Ethiopia, Kenya and Cameroon in February 2012.
- Plans were underway to formally launch AFRICE activities in Ethiopia and Kenya in the first quarter of 2012 and recruit young researchers into the fold of Comparative Education
- Extended programmes of AFRICE activities to the Congo, Senegal, Tunisia and other African countries.

- Another preparatory training workshop scheduled for Buea and Yaoundé (all in Cameroon) to prepare for November 2012 Conference
- The First International Conference on Comparative Education to be held in Cameroon University of Yaoundé 1 in March 2013
- Networking with other Comparative Education Societies
- Soliciting funds for the November 2013 Conference and for the publication of the first AJCE Journal.
- Attending the WCCES 2013 in Buenos Aires
- The Second International Conference to be held in Nairobi (Kenya) in 2015

## **Official Launch of AFRICE Kenya**

The honorary president (Prof. Giovanni) and the chief guest of the workshop was given a time to introduce AFRICE and to launch the Kenya chapter (AFRICE KENYA) and confirmed the president of AFRICE KENYA as Daniel K. Gakunga

The chief guest congratulated University of Nairobi for hosting him and the workshop. He went on to introduce AFRICE and how the WCCES accepted him to initiate the formation of AFRICE. He had a desire that AFRICE will be launch in every country in Africa. AFRICE had been accepted in the WCCES in April 2011 in Montreal Canada. The vice President represented AFRICE in the WCCES annual meeting then when the vote was taken.

The chief guest made a public declaration that from now on, AFRICE KENYA has been officially launch and confirmed the Kenyan officials and its President óDaniel K. Gakunga)

This is a brief of the launch of AFRICE-KEN chapter that was held at College of Education and External Studies University of Nairobi.

The workshop was a great success and was highly appreciated by all the participants. The college and university administration gave immense support both in kind and financially towards the workshop.

As the Kenyan people, we were honoured to have honorary president of AFRICE Prof. Giovanni as the keynote speaker and the chief guest in this auspicious occasion.

The workshop was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. At the climax of the workshop the AFRICE-Ken Chapter was officially launched and the following were elected as office bearers;

#### **AFRICE KENYA INTERIM OFFICIALS 2012**

- o President -  
Gakunga, D.K. (University of Nairobi)
- o Vice ó President ó  
Dr.Makatiani (Kenyatta University)
- o Organizing secretary ó Judy  
Njeri (UoN)

- o Secretary ó Ejore  
Paul (UoN)
- o Treasurer ó Mwove  
Daniel (UoN)
- o Member ó Prof.  
Lucy W.Kibera (UoN)
- o Member ó Mwova  
Nelson (UoN)
- o Member ó Caleb  
Makatiani ( UoN)

#### **1<sup>st</sup> AFRICE International Conference**

Between March 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> experts, scholars and researchers from around Cameroon, Africa and the world at large, gathered at the Amphitheatre 700 of the University of Yaoundé I, to thrill the conference participants with a rich academic menu of over thirty (35) carefully selected papers on ‘‘Old and New Slavery: What do the Schools Teach Humankind?’’ The debates on the various aspects of old and new slaveries were exciting and challenging.

#### **Upcoming Events**

AFRICE Kenya National Conference June 2014

2<sup>nd</sup> AFRICE International Conference June 2014

The conference will, hopefully, stimulate a greater responsiveness among development partners who are looking beyond *Education for All* by 2015.

**PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT**

The Department of Educational Foundations offers the following programmes:

**Course offered**

Postgraduate diploma in Education

Bachelor of Education (Arts)

Bachelor of Education (Science)

Bachelor of Education (ICT)

Master of Education . (Education Foundations)

- Ph.D (Education)

**CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

The Chairman of the Department Dr. Lewis Ngesu attended the following Conferences:

**M.ED PROPOSAL DEFENSES**

M.ED proposal defenses were conducted in the month of May 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 and another will be conducted in August 2013 to fast track completion rate.

**DOCTOR OF PILOSOPHY (PHD)**

The Department offers PhD in Comparative Education, History of Education, Sociology of Education, Philosophy of Education and Adult and Continuing Education.

The Department has 4 PhD holders who are vigorously involved in capacity building, supervision of masters and doctoral thesis, teaching, and examination. Out of academic staff level of 14, all of them hold Master degrees, majority of whom are working towards their doctorate degrees. Two academic members of staff are likely to graduate this year (2013).

The Department has 2 PhD candidates whose work is ready for data collection. Five are working on their Ph.D research proposals.

**UPDATING OF THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE**

The department has been involved in the update of the website to raise visibility. We updated the photographs, curriculum vitas, service charter, publications and annual report. The website raises the profile of individual members of staff, department, school, college and University locally and globally. The department is on Face Book and Twitter to enhance participation in social media to boost information sharing with stakeholders across the board.

**CONGRATURATIONS**

The Department congratulates Prof. Samson Gunga, former Chairman of the Department of Educational Foundations, for his election as the Dean of the School of Education.

**Graduation:**

The department graduated the following group of students in the academic year 2012/2013:

<b>August 24, 2012</b>	<b>Adult Education – 02</b>	<b>Comparative Education - 08</b>	<b>Sociology of Education - 05</b>
<b>December 7, 2012</b>	<b>Adult Education –</b>	<b>Comparative Education -</b>	<b>Sociology of Education - 03</b>

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The total number of Alumni of the department in Educational Foundations: Adult Education = 12, Comparative Education = 19, Sociology of Education = 31, History of Education = 5, Philosophy of Education = 5.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The Department has been engaged in Community Service evidenced by the Chairman of the Department, Dr. Lewis Ngesu participating in Board of Governors meetings (Baptist Secondary School, Machakos) and other community projects in Machakos County.

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

The academic staffs in the Department have published widely and their publications can be found in both print and electronic journals. A number of publications are on review stage.