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Welcome to the first issue of the ANIE Newsletter. At last it is here. This is a new step since the establishment of ANIE in 2009. We have spent the last two years building the structures that could make the organization gain even more strength and stability. A time always comes for everything and now is the time for ANIE to roll out its inaugural Newsletter. This is a time we have been looking forward to, mainly because the Newsletter will serve as the mouthpiece and one of the publicity instruments of the organization as we relate to our members, partners and other stakeholders. We will be producing three issues of this newsletter annually.

As a network, information sharing between and among members is important to us and this is one way to go. In this first edition, we present to you the short but long journey that ANIE has travelled since its establishment. As our people say, a child strapped on the mothers back does not know how long and challenging the journey on foot has been. In this issue, we will summarize this walk. We have therefore included the progress made in our main activity areas and some of the challenges we continue to face but are continually determined to surmount. We also use this opportunity to thank the organizations, partners and individuals who have stood by us. This edition of the newsletter also presents the ANIE Research grantees and their research areas. This is the first research grant ANIE is giving and we applaud the young scholars as we await the outcome of their studies. We have also put together some of ANIE's great moments in pictures summarizing the milestones. The interest in this Newsletter has been growing and even before it was produced, many had already subscribed for it on our website. We call on you to contribute articles for our future editions. We hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter.

Linda Lumbasi
Editor

About ANIE

The African Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) is an independent, non-profit making, non-governmental African network committed to the advancement of high quality research, capacity building and advocacy on internationalization of higher education with prime focus on Africa. ANIE is a membership based organization serving its members, their institutions and organizations, and others engaged in understanding internationalization. The network aims to be the leading organization in enhancing the understanding and development of the international dimension of higher education in Africa by expanding both knowledge and building, strengthening and sustaining a cohort of competent professionals in this field. ANIE is an autonomous institution whose secretariat has been set up at Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya.

ANIE Mission

To develop and strengthen capacity for research, advocacy and professional development in the international dimension of higher education to meet the needs of individuals, institutions and organizations in Africa.

ANIE Vision

To be the leading organisation in internationalization of higher education in Africa.
Message from ANIE Chair

I welcome you to the first issue of the ANIE Newsletter and hope you will enjoy reading it. I first wish to congratulate the team that has put together this inaugural newsletter. Over the last few years, I have watched ANIE grow. We have been striving to work towards the goals for which ANIE was established. While so much remains to be done, quite some ground has been covered. As is normal with most young organizations, there are still myriad challenges to be overcome. This needs the support and involvement of all of us. There are equally more opportunities that we could work together to pursue. The past two years have mainly been spent building the structures of ANIE and the key activity areas. During the same time, we also started on some activities and programs. As a young organization we are very proud of how far we have come in this little time. I am glad to point out that we have had two successful annual conferences and capacity building workshops which have been key contributors to our mandate. In this short time we have also engaged with other like-minded organizations and gained from their support.

We would like to particularly appreciate the support we got from the Association of African Universities (AAU) through the MRCI program, which was indeed the first external funding we received. It has gone a long way in enabling us begin on most of our activities. We also thank the Association for Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) for their support which will see ANIE increase its visibility and advocacy role within the continent. We take this early opportunity to thank them for their assurance of continued support. We will continue to pursue possible avenues of engagement.

Among others, our main events for 2011 will be the 3rd Annual Conference and Capacity Building Workshop, both of which will be held in Abuja, Nigeria. We thank the National Universities Commission (NUC) of Nigeria for accepting to host us and for extending their support. We are looking forward to seeing you there. On behalf of the board I would like to thank our members and partners who continue to support us. Lastly, I wish to convey my gratitude to the ANIE secretariat for these achievements. I hope you will enjoy reading this Newsletter.

Prof. Chacha Nyaigotti Chacha

Message from ANIE Executive Director

I have always looked forward to seeing ANIE make this step. This inaugural Newsletter inspires me that we have to keep going, and into the desired destination. I am therefore delighted to welcome you to the first issue of our ANIE Newsletter. The decision to establish ANIE was made in Nairobi in April 2008 and the network was officially launched in September 2009 during its first conference held at Moi University.

From then, we have made significant and important steps which have also been through the support of friends and partners. The main goal of ANIE is the advancement of high quality research, capacity building and advocacy on internationalization of higher education with prime focus on Africa. We pursue these through some core activity areas which include research, capacity building, advocacy, convening and information sharing. This newsletter provides updates on what we have done in these areas and what we project to undertake in the future.

From the outset, we noted that we could not achieve much alone. We have tried to work with strategic partners and friends with goodwill to see that we are where we are today. It is not the best that we could have been but we take stock of the journey we have gone through and the promise that lies ahead. It is my hope that this Newsletter will be a channel through which we communicate with you and through which you can also send us your views and workings. It will therefore be important for information sharing. We look forward to receiving your articles and other contributions to be included in the next issues.

James Otieno Jowi
In 2006 a team of African scholars met in Cairo, Egypt to discuss their country chapters for a book that was soon to be published. This was within a project on Internationalization of Higher Education in Africa: The International Dimension which was funded by Carnegie Foundation of New York and Ford Foundation. This event was organized by Dr. Mohsen Said Elmahdy of Cairo University, Egypt. The project leaders, Damtew Teferra and Jane Knight had intended this to be a session during which the chapters could be presented for feedback that could be useful in enriching them. The country teams were composed of a senior scholar and a young scholar. It became very evident that even though much was going on regarding internationalization in the universities, the subject had not been given much attention and there was little academic capacity to engage in it. This, in the view of the African scholars present could not be allowed to last long. The first thought was to bring the young scholars together so that they could continue with research on internationalization at the end of the project. In the following months, the young scholars developed the New Generation Group (NGG) led by James Otieno Jowi (Kenya) and Elizabeth Ayalew (Ethiopia).

Arrangements were then made for the NGG to attend a colloquium on internationalization at University of Kwa Zulu Natal and the IEASA conference at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in South Africa. These events were insightful and were followed by a meeting of the NGG to discuss the way ahead. These activities were organized by Dr. Roshen Kishun. It became much clearer that internationalization encompassed so much for Africa and there was need for more than a network of young scholars.

A meeting to conclude the initial project was held in Nairobi, Kenya in April 2008 with most stakeholders attending. The meeting was organized by Mr. James Jowi and Prof. Crispus Kiamba, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Kenya. The results of this study were published in a book co-published by the Association of African Universities (AAU) and the Centre for International Higher Education (CIHE), Boston College, USA. By the end of the Nairobi meeting the decision to establish ANIE was reached and Moi University requested to host the network with Mr. Jowi as the interim coordinator. Since then, a lot of efforts have been put to bring ANIE to its position today. Quite some time was spent on registration and developing the founding documents and structures of the organization. The momentous opportunity came in September 2009 when ANIE was launched in a colorful ceremony at the 1st Annual Conference of ANIE. During this launch an interim steering committee was appointed.

ANIE was established to pursue the following objectives:
• To contribute to the development and understanding of internationalization of higher education in Africa through high impact research projects and publications.
• To inform policy decisions related to the international dimension of higher education in Africa with high quality research evidence.
• To build/strengthen and sustain Africa’s research capacity on internationalization of higher education.

Looking back at these past few years, it is notable that we have started on some positive note. We have held two successful conferences which have been mainly to create more awareness on the challenges and opportunities of Internationalization to Africa. In tandem with these, we have also held two capacity building workshops with focus on the young African scholars. We will continue doing these annually. On research, IAU dedicated the September issues of their Higher Education Policy journal to publish research outcomes by ANIEs young scholars. Through the AAUs MRCI grant we have enabled 15 young African scholars to undertake research on different aspects of internationalization. The completion of our Virtual Forum (AFIRE) will present a great opportunity for information sharing on internationalization. We remain committed to the goals and objectives of ANIE and look forward to a brighter future.
The first grant that ANIE received was from the Association of African Universities (AAU) through the UK Department for International Development (DFID) funded Mobilization of Regional Capacities Initiatives (MRCI) Program. This support was to enable ANIE implement a project entitled Development of a Framework for Sharing R&D Resources on the Internationalization of Higher Education in Africa. The project has four components including (i) To develop a virtual open forum/platform for sharing resources on the internationalization of higher education in Africa; (ii) to undertake research on internationalization of higher education in Africa and produce empirical research outputs on its contribution to achievement of MDGs; (iii) to develop capacity that would enable the African higher education sector gain a more in-depth understanding of the international dimension of higher education, its risks, challenges and benefits; (iv) to develop a strategy for the dissemination of output emanating from the internationalization activities. ANIE is undertaking this project in collaboration with the Inter University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), International Education Association of South Africa (IEASA) and the African Council for Distance Education (ACDE).

The project activities have been going on within schedule. The project proposed to recruit a research assistant to provide administrative oversight for the project with particular focus on the Virtual Platform. Within this arrangement, Linda Lumbasi joined ANIE Secretariat on 1st July 2011. She has been managing the research component and the Virtual Forum, both of which are progressing well. This funding also enabled us to hold a capacity building workshop in Kampala in 2009. This has been reported in other sections of this Newsletter. ANIE completed the reporting for the first phase of the project and has thus been given the second batch of the funds to be used towards the completion of this project. The project ends in November 2011.

The Association for Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) has awarded ANIE a grant for the development of a policy dissemination framework and strengthening capacity to inform and influence policy on the internationalization of education in Africa. Through its Working Group on Higher Education (WGHE), ADEA supported the establishment of ANIE in 2008 to advance advocacy and information sharing on internationalization in Africa. The current support builds on the outcomes of the 1st and 2nd ANIE conferences which identified advocacy and policy frameworks as crucial in internationalization. Through this support, ANIE will therefore engage with policy makers and institutional leaders who are some of the key stakeholders and main drivers of the internationalization process. This initiative will also enable ANIE to develop and share policy briefs with stakeholders in internationalization.

While announcing this support, ADEA coordinator Alice Lamptey expressed the opportunities and challenges that internationalization had for Africa and the role that ANIE could play in responding to these. She assured ANIE of further support and commitment from ADEA.
ANIEs 2nd Annual Conference was held at Speke Resort Munyonyo in Kampala, Uganda, on 4th and 5th November, 2010. The theme of the conference was **Internationalization of Higher Education in Africa, Responding to Opportunities and Challenges.** The aim of the conference was to identify issues and challenges to furthering research on internationalization of higher education in Africa. It also aimed at developing an African agenda for research on internationalization of higher education. The conference consisted of plenary sessions and a series of parallel sessions which discussed different areas of the main theme.

The key note speakers at the conference included Prof. Pai Obanya (Ibadan University, Nigeria), Prof. Olusola Oyewole (African Union Commission), Dr. Juma Shabani (UNESCO, Bamako) Dr. Mohsen Said Elmahdy (Cairo University, Egypt) and Jane Knight (University of Toronto, Canada).

The conference attracted close to 100 participants from several African countries. Several of ANIEs partners were also represented including The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA); Association of African Universities (AAU); African Union (AU), Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA); National Universities Commission of Nigeria (NUC); The International Institute for Education (IIIE); Education Credentials Evaluators (ECE); Ontario Institute of Studies in Education; African Center for Distance Education (ACDE); Open Education Resources (OER-Africa); and Education-USA, among others.

The conference was jointly organized with the Inter University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) which also has internationalization as a key result in its Strategic Plan.
On 2nd and 3rd November 2010 ANIE held a Capacity Building Workshop for the Network of Emerging Scholars in Internationalization (NESI) at Speke Resort Munyonyo in Kampala, Uganda. The workshop, whose theme was, Developing and Utilizing Open Education Resources for Research and Information Sharing on International Education in Africa brought together over seventy participants from higher education institutions in Africa and beyond. They included young researchers and practitioners interested in the international dimension of higher education and current members of the Network of Emerging scholars on Internationalization (NESI).

Capacity building for research is one of the core activities of ANIE. This was the second capacity building workshop organized by ANIE for its members. The first capacity building workshop was held in Moi University, Kenya on 1st and 2nd September, 2009. The workshop theme was Internationalization of Higher Education in Africa & Global student mobility. The main objective of the second workshop was to provide an opportunity for members to get first hand experiences on the development and utilization of open resources for research and information sharing within members. This was culminated by the launch of ANIEs web portal, AFIRE. The workshop was also meant to equip the ANIE grant recipients with requirements for their researches and for team building amongst members. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Neil Butcher of Open Educational Resources (OER) Africa, Dr. Jane Knight of Ontario Institute of Studies in Education (OISE) and Prof. Chika Sehoole of University of Pretoria and Dr. Abdulkarim Obaje of National Universities Commission of Nigeria (NUC). The workshop had plenary sessions and small working group sessions. There was also a special session for the eleven young scholars who won the ANIE Research grant award to carry out research on internationalization under the AAU/DFID Mobilizing Regional Capacities Initiative (MRCI) project.

ANIE expresses appreciation to all organizations and individuals who contributed in different ways to make the workshop a success. We sincerely thank the officials and staff of The Inter University Council of East Africa (IUCEA) for their tremendous support in co-organizing and sponsoring some of the speakers and participants to the workshop. We remain grateful to Dr. Jane Knight, Prof. Chika Sehoole, Dr. Neil Butcher and Dr. Abdulkarim Obaje for facilitating the workshop.
ANIEs 3rd Annual Conference will be held in Abuja, Nigeria in September 2011 in collaboration with the National Universities Commission (NUC) of Nigeria. The decision was made at the 2nd ANIE Annual Conference following a request from NUC which was made by Mrs. Uwani Yahya on behalf of the NUC delegation to the conference. Mrs Uwani who is also the co-Chairman of the Working Group on Internationalization of Education in Nigeria, made a case for the Nigeria National Universities Commission (NUC) to be given the hosting right for the 3rd ANIE Conference in 2011. The team leader explained the role of NUC as a regulatory body for University Education in Nigeria as well as the robustness of the Nigerian University System in terms of resources and quality. She also informed the forum that the Management of NUC had inaugurated a Working Group on Internationalization of Education and acknowledged the key role Nigeria played in the ECOWAS Sub-region in Africa. She assured the delegates that the activities of ANIE would receive the needed boost if Nigeria was granted the request as it would open the door for universities in ECOWAS member-countries to embrace Internationalization. The general Assembly unanimously agreed on this bid and so the 3rd ANIE Annual Conference will be held in Abuja, Nigeria. The date, venue, themes, call for papers and other logistics will be communicated in due course.

ANIE Membership

ANIE is a network of individual membership. We have different membership categories including student membership and full membership. We also have opportunities for affiliate membership which is for other related organization. We continue to urge you to register as members so that we can develop a strong and vibrant organization. In 2010 we registered forty two new members and we hope that this trend will continue this year. The membership is mainly from African countries. However, we note that there are some African countries from which we have not attracted membership and to which we have to make the requisite publicity for membership. As this goes on, the challenge on our side is to enhance the services to members. Our main goal is to bring the members together so that we can collectively pursue the goals of the organization. We have tried to support some of our members to attend our activities especially the conferences and workshops. In other instances we have also given members discounts on participation fees in these activities. Our research grants and capacity building workshops mainly focus on our membership development. For information sharing amongst members, the virtual forum will be useful for sharing resources on internationalization. Through the virtual forum, members can interact and share experiences and opportunities on issues related to internationalization of higher education in Africa.

As an organization, ANIE has developed relations with other likeminded organizations and will regularly extend the benefits of such collaborations to its members. Members are the main drivers and stakeholders of the network and therefore ANIE Secretariat mainly relies on members to participate actively in the activities that will give the organization its future direction. ANIE works within a framework of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which are sub-groups within the network usually based on professional interest. The Network for Emerging Scholars in Internationalization (NESI) is one of these. Members of ANIE can join any of the SIGs. The secretariat is currently developing ambitious initiatives to engage members in activities related to the organization and we look forward to a stronger partnership in the near future.

You can register for membership on our website: www.anienetwork.org.
In accomplishing one of the MRCI project components which requires ANIE to develop a forum for the exchange of ideas in internationalization of higher education, ANIE launched its new web portal (www.anienetwork.org) during the 2nd conference. The idea of AFIRE arose out of the 1st ANIE conference held in 2009. Participants at the conference proposed that ANIE develop a framework for sharing R&D resources on the internationalization of higher education in Africa. ANIE then submitted a proposal under the AAU/DfID Mobilizing Regional Capacities Initiative (MRCI) project and won a grant to undertake the same. The aim of AFIRE is to promote closer interaction and sharing of information and educational resources on internationalization. The web portal has the following functionalities: a beautiful new design; dynamic content management which means that content can be uploaded from anywhere in the world without going through the web manager; dynamic album; potential for linkages with key information resources of related networks; potential for blogging and chatting; suitable hosting strategy and ability to generate detailed feedback forms among others.

ANIE has the task of equipping the web portal with relevant resources in internationalization and it is here that we require the support of members and all other people engaged in internationalization of higher education. Please send us any relevant links and resources through sec@anienetwork.org and we will gladly put them up.

ANIE awards research grants to young scholars

Research is one of ANIE’s core activities. ANIE’s research focuses on improving the understanding of the international dimension of higher education through the development and implementation of innovative research programs to address the key challenges and benefits of internationalization to Africa.

In July 2010, a call for proposals was sent out and ANIE received 37 proposals in response out of which the successful candidates were selected by the review committee. The review committee was composed of Dr. Jane Knight (University of Toronto, Canada), Prof. Chika Sehoole (University of Pretoria, South Africa), Dr. Odipo Osano (Moi University, Kenya) and Dr. David Onen (Makerere University, Uganda).

Under the MRCI project from the AAU, ANIE has awarded 11 grants worth USD 2000 each, to 15 young scholars from 7 African countries. Under the supervision of Dr. Jane Knight (Ontario University) and Prof. Chika Sehoole (University of Pretoria), the grant recipients are conducting research on “Internationalization of Higher Education in Africa and its role in promoting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG’s)”. Specifically, the MDG’s on:

- Global partnership for development
- Universal Primary Education
- Gender Equality and empowerment of women
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
The following are the grantees and their specific research topics:

**Magreth Mushi & John Oluoch**

(Lead Researcher)

Institution: Open University of Tanzania/ Moi Uni.

Country: Kenya/Tanzania

Research Topic: National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) potential in facilitating international content sharing in Higher Education Institutions

**Tibelius Amutuhaire & Bekele Workie**

Institutions: Makerere Uni./ Addis Ababa University

Country: Uganda/ Ethiopia

Research Topic: The role of Internationalization in HIV/ AIDS Prevention: The case of Makerere University and Gondar University

**Kwaramba Marko, Samson Mukanjari & Christiana Badoo**

(Lead Researcher, SA)

Institutions: Cape town University/ Ghana

Country: SA/ Ghana

Research Topic: Internationalization of higher education, gender equality and empowerment of women: Evidence from South Africa and Ghana

**Dr. Andrew Riechi, Milton Obamba and Jane Mwema**

(Lead Researcher)

Institution: Kenyatta University

Country: Kenya

Research Topic: What works, what doesn’t: Impacts, Patterns and Paradigms of Internationalization in Kenya’s Universities

**Zainab Ruhwanya**

Institution: Open University of Tanzania

Country: Tanzania

Research Topic: Women educational empowerment through the use of mobile phone in teaching and learning: A case study of Open University of Tanzania

**Joshua Amunga & Tiafack Ojuku**

(Lead Researcher)

Institution: Bielefeld University/ Cameroon

Country: Kenya/Cameroon

Research Topic: Internationalization abroad and women’s empowerment: The impact of cross-border education on Kenyan and Cameroonian conceptualizations of gender roles and relations

**Jeremiah Nyabuta**

Institution: Moi University

Country: Kenya

Research Topic: Internationalization of higher education as a catalyst for achieving universal primary education: Evidence from Kenya

**Laura Lalampaa & Joseph Bisong**

Institutions: Methodist University/ National Universities Commission

Country: Kenya/Nigeria

Research Topic: Internationalization of Higher Education & its Role in Promoting Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women: The Kenyan and Nigerian Case
ANIE Representations

On 2nd and 3rd February 2010, ANIE Executive Director, James Jowi participated in a Leaders Symposium organized by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) in Ottawa Canada. The meeting whose theme was Cardinal Points: How North-South partnerships support internationalization strategies provided an opportunity for participants to share good practices and strategy options to further strengthen the role of North-South partnerships within the internationalization agenda of universities. Mr. Jowi made a luncheon presentation and also participated on the panel discussion with higher education leaders. ANIE’s participation was sponsored by AUCC.

On February 22nd and 23rd 2010 ANIE Executive Director James Otieno Jowi participated in a workshop on Promoting East African Network of Research Excellence (EANREA). The workshop which was held in Kampala Uganda was organized by the Inter University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) in collaboration with United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). The aim was to discuss the development of a network of young researchers in the region. ANIE was presented as one of the new networks in the region from whose challenges and progress, the new network could learn from. ANIE’s participation was sponsored by UNECA.

From March 24th to 26th 2010, Mr. James Otieno Jowi, ANIE Executive Director participated in the Going Global 4 Conference organized by the British Council in London. He also participated in the Africa Unit workshop session on ‘Hit or myth: UK/Africa Further Education Partnerships supporting Skills Development’. Participation was supported by the Africa Unit of the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

On invitation by the Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education (SIU) James Otieno Jowi, ANIE Executive Director visited Bergen and Trondheim, Norway between 5th and 10th April 2010. The activities included discussion meetings with SIU staff on collaborations between SIU and ANIE. In the NUFU Project Coordinators seminar at Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, Mr. Jowi made a keynote presentation on The Added Value of North-South partnerships. He also presented on the role of ANIE in internationalization of higher education in Africa. The visit was concluded with meetings with NLA University College to discuss exchanges with African universities on teacher education. ANIE’s participation was sponsored by SIU.

From 25th to 29th April 2010, Mr. James Otieno Jowi ANIE Executive Director participated in a seminar held in Club Makokola, Malawi, on African Universities develop strategies addressing the implications of globalization. It was organized by University of Malawi and Maastricht University through an EDULINK project that involved 8 African universities in developing strategies to respond to globalization. Participation was sponsored by the EDULINK project.

From 16th to 21st August 2010, Prof. Bob Wishitemi, ANIE Treasurer and James Jowi, ANIE Executive Director attended the partners meeting/Family week at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU). The objective was to enhance academic cooperation between southern and northern university partners. There were also discussions on best practices on internationalization. Participation was sponsored by NMMU.

From 15th to 18th September 2010, James Otieno Jowi, Executive Director ANIE and Dr. Roshen Kishun one of ANIE founders were part of the 3642 participants who attended the EAIE 2010 conference held in Nantes France. They made a joint presentation on ANIE on Internationalization in Africa: Trends, challenges and opportunities. As an outcome, during the closing session EAIE made a declaration to enhance collaborations with African universities. EDC (Education Cooperation with Developing Countries) a Special Interest Group of EAIE reaffirmed their commitment to enhanced collaborations with ANIE. Mr. Jowi also attended the workshop organized by Researchers in International Education another SIG of EAIE. Participation for Mr. Jowi and Roshen was sponsored by EDC.

From 18th October to 22nd October 2010 ANIE Board member Prof. Bob Wishitemi and Executive Director James Otieno Jowi attended the symposium to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Inter University Council for East Africa which was held in Kampala, Uganda. ANIE’s participation was supported by IUCEA and Moi University.
The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education (SIU) organized a two days seminar in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania from 9th-10th November 2010 to look into Norwegian Support to higher Education in Tanzania. Mr. James Otieno Jowi, Executive Director ANIE, made a presentation on Student Mobility in Africa. The seminar also discussed ways of enhancing North-South cooperation in higher education. ANIEs participation was sponsored by SIU.

From 8th to 10th November 2010, ANIE Programme Officer for Research Linda Lumbasi attended the "Collaborate to Innovate Workshop" at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa. The Workshop was organized by The University of the Western Cape from South Africa, together with Ghent University, Belgium (UGent) and Wageningen University Research (WUR) Centre for Development Innovation, the Netherlands, NUFFIC (the Netherlands) and VLIR-UOS (Belgium). The workshop looked at the role of university collaboration in innovation strategies. ANIEs participation was sponsored by VLIR-UOS.

From 28th February to 1st March 2011, ANIE Executive Director James Otieno Jowi attended the MRCI Workshop in Kampala Uganda. The workshop brought together the recipients of the MRCI projects administered by the Association of African Universities (AAU) to share experiences on their projects. ANIEs progress was presented and favorable comments received. The workshop also included presentation of guidelines for preparing policy briefs and new requirements of the MRCI program. ANIEs participation was sponsored by AAU.

On 3rd and 4th March 2011, ANIE Programme Officer for Research Linda Lumbasi participated in an information session organized by the INTRA-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme. The session was held at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nairobi. The intra-ACP academic mobility scheme builds on the African Union’s Mwalimu Nyerere programme for Africa by granting additional funding, and setting up a similar scheme for the Caribbean and Pacific regions. The objective of the programme is to promote sustainable development and poverty alleviation by increasing the availability of trained and qualified high-level professional manpower in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. ANIEs participation was sponsored by ADEA.

Visitors to the Office

Over the past year, the following were some of the visitors to ANIEs office:

In March 2010, Dr. Karen Strang from Nipissing University, Canada visited ANIEs office. She discussed the possibility of an exchange programme for post graduate students of Moi University and Nipissing University.

Prof. Chuks Mba of AAU while on a mission to evaluate the MRCI project of which ANIE is a beneficiary was happy and impressed by what ANIE is doing and what it intends to achieve in the future, based on our current activities and future plans.

In March 2010 Dr. Malin Tillman from Linkoping University, Sweden paid a courtesy call to our office and expressed interest to work with us.

In July 2010 Dr. Jessie Horner of Kwantleen Polytechnic University, Canada visited the ANIE office to discuss ways through which their university could collaborate with other southern universities.

Nicoo Joste while in Moi University representing Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa also developed a lot of interest in ANIEs activities and hinted on a possible strong collaboration in future.

Officials from Kenya’s Ministry of Higher Education have also made visits to our office and they too expressed optimism on the growth and success of ANIE.

In March 2011 Mr. Dyonis Ndungu of British Council, Nairobi visited ANIE to discuss collaborations between the two organizations.
**ANIE Staff News**

**Linda Lumbasi**

Mid last year (2010), ANIE was able to appoint a new member of staff after a highly competitive recruitment exercise. Linda Lumbasi joined the ANIE Secretariat as Programme Officer in charge of Research and has been very instrumental in coordinating ANIE’s research activities among other day-to-day activities. She holds a Master’s in Higher Education Studies (specialized on internationalization) from Makerere University, Uganda and a Bachelor of Education degree from Moi University, Kenya. She also holds certificates in Human Resource Management and Public Administration Management among others. Previously, she worked as Senior Editor for Ben and Company Limited in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and as a consultant with various organizations including Uganda Red Cross Society on an ICRC sponsored project and with AHEAD Uganda on a Ford Foundation funded Leadership Impact Project.

**James Otieno Jowi & Lydia Jelagat**

On the other hand, it seems like ANIE staff had a busy 2010 (out of office…!). Jowi, the Executive Director was blessed with a bouncing baby girl named Monica and Lydia our Secretary was blessed with a bouncing baby boy named Kiprop. We wish Monica and Kiprop long, fulfilled lives and look forward to them becoming future ANIE members.

**Partners’ upcoming events for 2011**

- **April 11-12:** IAU Global Meeting of Associations (IV) on Internationalization of Higher Education: New Players; New Approaches, co-organized with the Association of Indian Universities and the Indian Institute of Information Technology, New Delhi, India. [http://www.iau-aiu.net](http://www.iau-aiu.net)

- **May 22-24:** ACA Annual Conference on The excellence imperative: world-class aspirations and real-world needs, Vienna, Austria. [http://www.aca-secretariat.be](http://www.aca-secretariat.be)

- **May 30-June 3:** Conference of Rectors, Vice Chancellors and Presidents of African Universities (COREVIP), Stellenbosch, South Africa.

- **June 6-24:** CODESRIA 2011 Gender Institute on Gender Cultures, Politics and Fundamentalisms in Africa, Dakar, Senegal. [http://www.codesria.org](http://www.codesria.org)

- **June 20-22:** EAN 20th Anniversary Conference on Student Diversity in HE: Conflicting Realities, VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands. [http://www.ean-edu.org](http://www.ean-edu.org)


- **August 31-September 03:** 15th Annual IEASA Conference, Durban University of Technology, Durban, South Africa. [http://www.ieasa.studysa.org](http://www.ieasa.studysa.org)

- **September 5-23:** CODESRIA 2011 Child and Youth Institute on Children’s Agency and Development in African Societies, Dakar, Senegal. [http://www.codesria.org](http://www.codesria.org)

- **October 3-7:** CODESRIA Sub-Regional Methodology Workshops for Social Research in Africa, Session for North Africa, CRASC, Oran (Algeria). Theme: Fields and Theories of Qualitative Research. [http://www.codesria.org](http://www.codesria.org)

- **November 17-18:** IAU 2011 International Conference on Strategies for Securing Equity and Success in Higher Education, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya. [http://www.iau-aiu.net](http://www.iau-aiu.net)

- **November 27-30:** SANORD International Conference on Deepening Collaboration between Southern African and Nordic Higher Education for Shared Solutions to Research Capacity Development, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa. [www.sanord.net](http://www.sanord.net)
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