

Dr Omosa-Manyonyi pioneers a program on Capacity Building for Scientific Manuscript Writing at FHS-UON

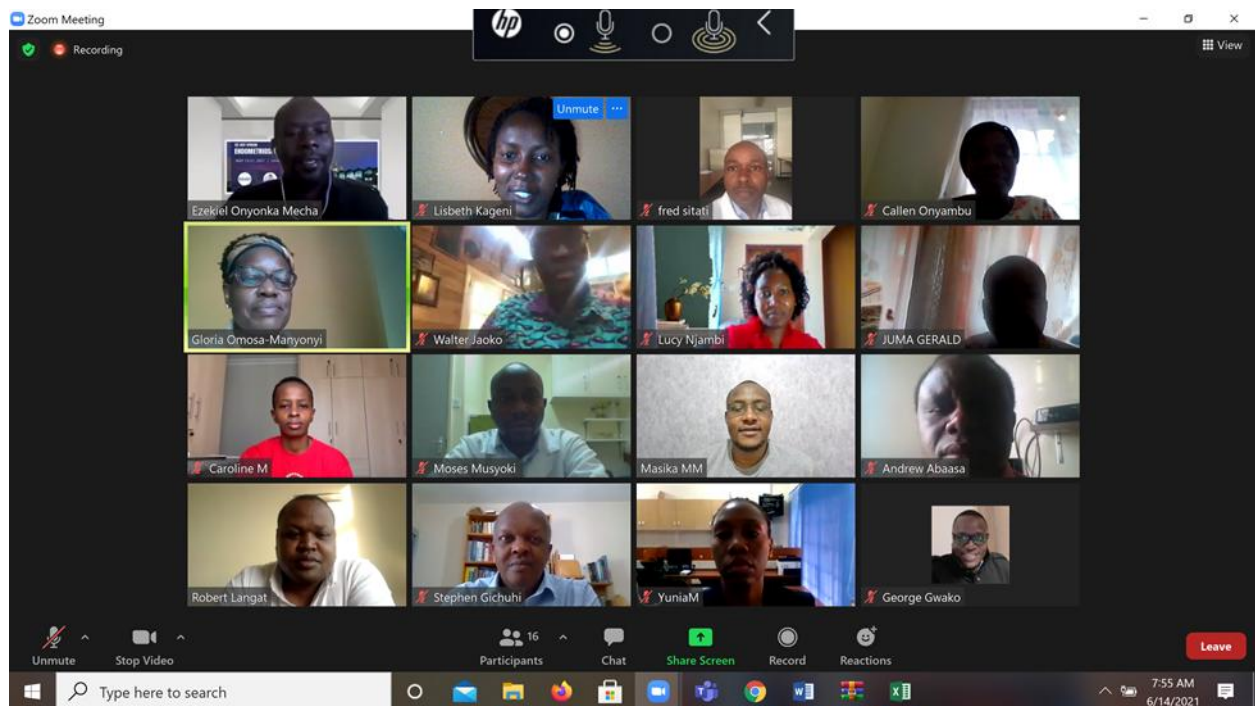


“UANDISHI-Building Capacity for Writing Scientific Manuscripts” is an innovative and experiential training program in mentoring and scientific manuscript writing, aimed at fostering scientific manuscripts writing skills and output, at the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS), University of Nairobi (UON). This program complements other existing research training ventures within FHS and is hosted at KAVI-Institute of Clinical Research (KAVI-ICR). IAVI funds UANDISHI through a collaborative grant secured by Dr. Gloria Omosa-Manyonyi (Principal Investigator) of the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology.

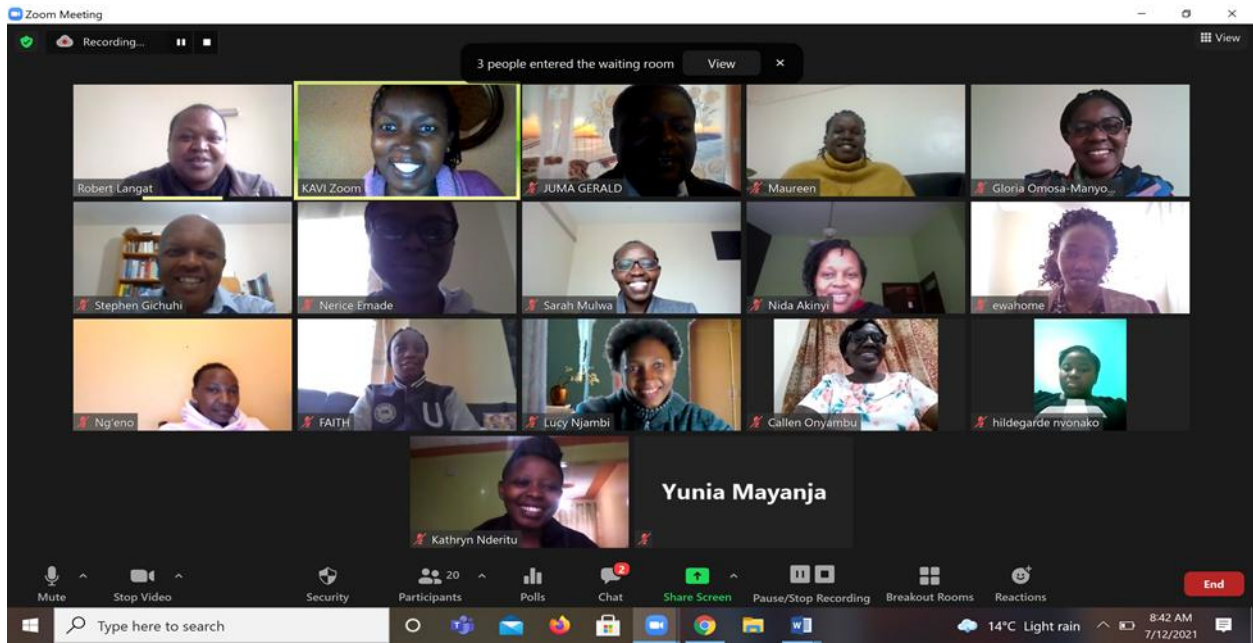
UANDISHI is modeled on the International Traineeships in AIDS Prevention Studies program (ITAPS) at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Dr Omosa-Manyonyi was one of five experienced researchers who were trained in the inaugural 2015 ITAPS program. Since then, she and other ITAPS mentor alumni from East Africa have successfully spearheaded regional scientific writing and data analysis workshops involving participants from research organizations in Africa.

By means of workshops and individualized mentoring, UANDISHI program delivers experiential training in Mentorship and Scientific Manuscript Writing. Mentors-in-training are supported in a structured fashion, to provide mentoring of mentees while developing manuscripts and ultimately submitting to peer reviewed journals. Participants are postgraduate students (mentees) and faculty/researchers (mentors).

We implemented the program at FHS/UON in 2021; inaugural mentoring and training were conducted from June to December 2021, and included three workshops plus a period of mentoring. The trainees consisted of 9 Mentors-in-training plus 9 Mentees drawn from Orthopedics and Trauma Surgery, Paediatrics and Child Health, Medical Microbiology and Immunology, Biochemistry, KAVI-ICR, Anaesthesia and Critical Care, UNITID, Diagnostic Imaging and Radiation Medicine, Human Pathology, and Ophthalmology.



Mentor training workshop, 14th -18th June 2021: Screen showing participants



Manuscript Writing workshop, 12th – 16th July 2021: Screen shot showing participants



*Participants in Peer Review workshop graced by Prof F Otieno (Associate Dean Undergraduate studies):
Venue - Four Pionts by Sheraton Hotel, Nairobi: 25th – 29th October 2021*

All trainees completed the program. Out of this inaugural phase, 9 scientific manuscripts were developed by the Mentor-Mentee pairs; 5 of the papers have already been submitted to peer reviewed journals, the remainder are in process for journal submission in January 2022.

The gained knowledge and skills will promote future manuscript writing mentoring and publishing at FHS, and beyond.

On completing the program, all trainees were awarded certificates of accomplishment.



Cerificates award ceremony: 10th December 2021



2021 Mentor alumni: Lucy Njambi, Callen Onyambu, Robert Langat, Caroline Mwangi, Gerald Juma, Moses Masika, Ezekiel Onyonka Mecha, Victor Musyoki, Fred Sitati.

2021 Mentee alumni: Salman Ahmed, Emade Nerice, Nderitu Kathryn Wanjiku, Nida Akinyi Okumu, Faith Mbithe Muthoka, Nvonako Tsasse Hildegard, Maureen Jepleting, Mukangamije Seraphine, Macharia Peter Wokabi.

2021 Steering Committee: Stephen Gichuhi, Walter Jaoko, Robert Langat, Marianne Mureithi, Marybeth Maritim, Moses Obimbo, Gloria Omosa-Manyonyi.

The program is presently recruiting its year 2 (2022) cohort of trainees/participants; please see details in the links below.

<https://kavi-icr.uonbi.ac.ke/latest-news/building-capacity-writing-scientific-manuscripts-call-applications-2022-mentors>

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