



The Fifth African Higher Education Week and RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016

Positive Youth Development and Experiential Learning in University Outreach

Concept Note

Background

The InnovATE project is funded by the US Agency for International Development to promote human and institutional capacity development at agricultural education and training institutions. Corresponding to the Biennial 2016 Theme 3, this side session will promote outreach and community engagement of universities focusing on positive youth development programs and experiential learning.

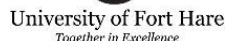
Positive youth development programs promote self-reliance, confidence, teamwork, leadership and entrepreneurial thinking among youth through extracurricular clubs supported by local communities. They are also effective mechanisms for dissemination of agricultural extension, nutrition, and health messages in rural areas.

Experiential learning is a pedagogic method that involves students in community-centered problem solving. Experiential learning is integrated into formal classes for credit. The session will highlight how to do so effectively by examining successful cases and discussing factors that lead to good learning outcomes.

Aims & Objectives of the side Event

Participants will learn how positive youth development and experiential learning can be used to improve university outreach. The session will feature and compare successful models of positive youth development programs in Africa, emphasizing opportunities for university faculty members to provide agricultural technical guidance. Experiential learning programs will be featured as models for community engagement of university students.

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Approach and Methodology

The session will combine invited presentations with large-group discussion to distill success stories and lessons learned.

Venue and Participants

Venue: Century City Conference Centre, Meeting Room 9

Date & Time: Thursday 20th October 2016 from 1115-1730

Participants will be 4-H organizers and agricultural faculty members responsible for university outreach efforts.

Side Event Organizers and Contact

This session will be led by the USAID-funded *Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education* (InnovATE) project and RUFORUM Secretariat.

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Side Event Programme

SESSION 9.7 Thursday 20 th October 2016, CCCC Meeting Room 9, 1115-1730		
MAIN THEME Positive Youth Development and Experiential Learning in University Outreach		
Time	Sub Theme	Responsible
11.15 – 11.45	Welcoming remarks and introductions	Larry Vaughan. USAID Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education (InnovATE) project
Session I: Positive Youth Development Models (Moderator: L. Vaughan)		
11.45 – 12.00	4-H in Senegal	Bineta Guisse. USAID Education and Research in Agriculture Project. Senegal
12.00 – 12.15	University Involvement in 4-H Senegal	Mor Seck. Institut Supérieur de Formation Agricole et Rurale (ISFAR), Senegal
12.15 – 12.30	Overview of 4-H in Ghana	Appiah Kwaku Boateng, 4-H Ghana
12.30 – 12.45	University Involvement in 4-H Ghana: I	Osman Alhassan. 4-H Tamale, Ghana.
12.45 – 13.00	University Involvement in 4-H Ghana: II	Festus Annor-Frempong. University of Cape Coast, Ghana
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
Session II: The Interface between Outreach and University Students (Moderator: L. Vaughan)		
14.00 - 14.20	Integrating Experiential Learning across University Curricula: Experiences from the University for Development Studies	Courage Kosi Setsoafia Saba, University for Development Studies (UDS). Ghana
14.20 – 14.40	Integrating Experiential Learning into a Curriculum: Experiences from Sokoine University of Agriculture	Carolyn Nombo, Sokoine University of Agriculture. Tanzania
14.40 – 15.00	Discussion	
Session III : Positive Youth Development II (Moderator: L. Vaughan)		
15.10 – 15.45	Assessing Opportunities for University Outreach in Liberia's 4-H Program	Roland Massaquoi. University of Liberia G. Umaru Sheriff. 4-H Liberia.

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15.45 – 16.15	A Gender Toolkit for Positive Youth Development Programs	Susan Naburi. 4-H Tanzania
16.15 – 16.50	Discussion	
16.50 – 17.00	Closing remarks	L. Vaughan. InnovATE

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