



AFRICAN HUMANITIES PROGRAM AND MAK COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**PROJECT ON MENTORSHIP
INAUGURAL MEETING
KAMPALA, JUNE 13-15, 2017**

MONDAY Arrivals

TUESDAY **JUNE 13, 2017**
SETTING THE AGENDA AND DEFINING OBJECTIVES

9:00 – 10:00 Registration, coffee and tea

10:00 – 10:15 Welcoming remarks
Okello Ogwang, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, MAK
Edward Kirumira, Principal, MAK College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Andrzej Tymowski, Director, African Humanities Program

10:15 -- 12:00 Assessing our resources, preparing for our challenges
(Roundtable)
The humanities landscape before AHP and the situation today *Adigun Agbaje*
Challenges we face in planning a future AHP *Fred Hendricks*
What kind of university-level information do we need? How can we get it? The view
from Ibadan *Bola Udegbe*
Mentoring and qualitative research *Sandra Barnes*

12:00 – 2:00 Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 Discussion Groups
(Reaction to roundtable themes)
1. Challenges we face in planning for a future AHP
2. Collecting data at African universities on the impact of AHP
3. Mentoring practices

3:30 – 4:00 Coffee and tea

4:00 – 5:30 Reports from discussion-group rapporteurs

7:00 – 9:00 Supper





WEDNESDAY **JUNE 14, 2017**

PILOT PROJECTS

9:00 -- 10:00 **Coffee and tea**

10:00 – 11:00 **Initial findings of research project at the University of Ibadan** *Bola Udegbe*

11:00 – 12:00 **Video testimonies: “The changing humanities landscape”**

- Makerere University *Dominic Dipio, Susan Kiguli, Bengé Okot*
- University of Dar es Salaam *Abdullah Hamsa*

12:00 – 2:00 **Lunch**

2:00 – 4:00 **Mentoring Development Workshop**

Practical approaches to advising and supervising *Sandra Barnes*

4:00 – 5:00 **Country-group meetings**

7:00 – 9:00 **Supper**

THURSDAY **JUNE 15, 2017**

THE FUTURE OF THE AFRICAN HUMANITIES PROGRAM

9:00 – 10:00 **Coffee and tea**

10:00 - 11:30 **Reports by country groups**

Presentation of written statements in response

- to the discussion of the rationale and objectives (Tuesday)
- to the pilot projects (Wednesday)
- with suggestions for next steps

12:00 - 2:00 **Lunch**

2:00 – 3:00 **Capstone address *[invited]*:**

Prof. Kwesi Yankah, Minister of State for Tertiary Education, Ghana

“The road we have travelled and the road ahead: The humanities in Africa”

4:00 – 6:00 **Closing Reception**

7:00 – 9:00 **Supper**

Departures **Friday and Saturday**





Notes by Andrzej Tymowski
May 22, 2017

The purpose of Mentorship Project and the meeting in Kampala

To all participants of the Kampala meeting, June 13-15:

The African Humanities Program has reached a critical turning point. We meet in Kampala to reflect on the road we have travelled and to plan the road ahead. This will be a workshop for brainstorming and setting an action agenda. Your input will determine our next steps!

As you know, there will be only one more AHP fellowship competition – our tenth – with associated residencies, Manuscript Development Workshops, travel grants for mentors, and AHP publications. In addition to these familiar activities, at the request of Carnegie Corporation, we are now launching an ambitious capstone initiative, the Project on Mentorship. The Project will hold five meetings over the next three years, one each in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. June 13-15 is the Project's inaugural event.

The long-term goal of the Mentorship Project is to build on the momentum of ten years of AHP activities. We want to explore ways in which the AHP community can sustain its invigoration of the humanities in Africa. To do just that, we propose three Project directions --

- **Documenting the impact of ten years of AHP, 2008-2017**
 - Quantitative data from universities and departments
 - Testimonies of Fellows, assessors, university officials, about the effect of AHP on universities
 - Informational videos
- **Surveying current mentoring practices and testing new approaches**
 - Testimonies on mentoring experiences, including PhD supervision
 - Special focus on mentoring for qualitative research
 - Workshops to test new techniques
- **Planning for a future African Humanities Program**
 - The Mentorship *Project*, five meetings over three years, will also plan future activities. These can take the form of a Mentorship *Program*, a multi-year initiative, based in Africa, led by AHP advisers, with new sources of funding.
 - Exploring cooperation between AHP and related regional and national initiatives

The objectives of the initial meeting of the Mentorship Project in Kampala

- Day one (Tues.): To assess our resources and prepare for our challenges
- Day two (Wed.): To review pilot projects already underway and to initiate new ones
- Day three (Thu.): To define objectives for future meetings and to form country groups

Responsibilities of participants

A few individuals will be asked to make short presentations or to lead discussions. Others will be invited to take roles as chairs or rapporteurs.

Formation of country teams is one of the chief objectives of the meeting. The teams will work on in-country research projects, on identifying related initiatives for future cooperation, and on organizing future meetings of the Mentorship Project.

