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## Matchmaking Event concept

**Title of event: Driving locally grounded research through strong partnerships and networks**

**Partner: University of Nairobi**

**Venue; University of Nairobi Towers, 5<sup>TH</sup> floor**

**Date: 28th & 29th September 2022**

### Overview

Kenya is one of the countries implementing IPA's Researcher Diversification Strategy, an initiative that seeks to grow the number of local researchers in the countries that IPA works in, in efforts to promote a more diverse and inclusive organization. We recognize most research continues to be produced in the Global North. Africa, for example, produces only 1 percent of the world's research output and has only 198 researchers per million people, compared to 455 per million in Chile and more than 4,500 per million in the United Kingdom and the United States<sup>1</sup>.

We believe that our ability to generate high-quality evidence and advance evidence-informed programs and policies is dependent on engaging local researchers who are from the countries where the research and policy work takes place<sup>2</sup>.

### About the matchmaking event,

One of IPA's strategies to support researcher diversification is to act as a convener to facilitate learning and skills development and foster relationship-building among local researchers and partners.

IPA Kenya country office is organizing an in-person matchmaking event that will bring together the local researchers, Southern researchers, representatives of donor institutions, and policymakers to network, learn from each other and establish relationships that will advance the participation of local researchers in generating policy-relevant evidence.

### Purpose/Objective

The broad objective of this matchmaking event is to; *Strengthen IPA's engagement and collaboration with local researchers in generating research for impact.*

We hope to achieve the following outcomes during this event.

1. Discuss the gaps and challenges that local researchers face when fundraising for research and share tips for standing a better chance of being funded.
2. Understand the donor perspective on local researcher engagement and support.
3. Identify similar interests within specific groups/researchers with a view of establishing a roadmap for building a community of local researchers.
4. Facilitate learning, networking, and deeper engagements between researchers and partners.

<sup>1</sup> Alan Christoffels, "Africa Needs Another Million PhD Scientists to Develop Homegrown Solutions," Quartz Africa, accessed December 8, 2020, <https://qz.com/africa/1290710/africa-needs-one-million-more-scientists/>

<sup>2</sup> Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) Annual\_Report\_2011-2012.



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### Matchmaking Event Program

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022	
8.00am - 8.45 am	Registration
8.45 am – 9.00am	Opening remarks ( <i>Innovations for Poverty Action</i> - Peter Lefrancois).
9.00 am-9.15am	Keynote address ( <i>University of Nairobi</i> - Prof. Gituro Wainaina).
9.15am-9.40am	Introduction to IPA and the Researcher Diversification Strategy ( <i>IPA</i> - Caroline Nyuguto)
9.40am- 10.00am	Role of donors/ funders in supporting locally driven research ( <i>Partnership for Economic Policy</i> - Prof. Jane Mariara)
10.00-10.10am	Q&A
10.10am - 10.40am TEA BREAK	
10.40am-11.00am	Action on fundraising for African led research- Recommendations for funders, researchers and policy makers ( <i>Education Sub Saharan Africa</i> - Izel Kipruto)
11.00 am- 11.20am	Strengthening demand driven research- Policy makers perspective ( <i>Ministry of Education</i> - Dr. Ngaruiya)
11.20 am- 11.30am	Q&A
11.30am – 11.50am	<i>Open session</i> : Lessons from the field, a local researchers' experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Joash Migosi</li> <li>• Prof. Helen Inyega</li> </ul>
11.50am – 1.10 pm	<i>Panel Session</i> : Building a pipeline of researchers and networks across countries and continents ( <i>Moderator: Prof. Hellen Inyega, UoN</i> )  <i>Panelists</i> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Suleiman Asman (<i>IPA</i>)</li> <li>2. Dr. Murugi Ndirangu (<i>CGC</i>)</li> <li>3. Michael Musyoki (<i>FCDO</i>)</li> <li>4. Dr. Antony Mveyange (<i>PASGR</i>)</li> <li>5. Prof. Amos Njuguna (<i>NIERA</i>)</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
1.10 pm-2.10pm LUNCH BREAK	

2.10pm – 3.15pm	<i>Interactive group session; Opportunity mapping</i> <b>Objective:</b> To get a deeper understanding of the education & agriculture sectors research landscape. (Moderator – Jemima Okal)
3.20pm-3.45pm	Fundamentals of writing funding proposals (University of Connecticut / IPA- Prof. Nathan Fiala)
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Key lessons and take aways (IPA- John Ochieng)
<b>4.00pm – 4.30pm</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>

<b>SEPTEMBER 29, 2022</b>	
8.00am - 8.45 am	Registration
8.45 am – 9.00am	Recap (IPA- Jemima Okal))
9.00 am-9.20am	Maximizing the impact of research for policy (IPA - John Ochieng)
9.20am-9.40am	Research design - Randomized evaluations & Theory of Change (IPA- Eric Ochieng)
9.40am- 10.00am	Fundamentals of Research & Data Publication: Case study of the Development Engineering Journal (International Food Policy Research Institute /IPA - Prof. Berber Kramer)
10.00am – 10.15am	Q&A
<b>10.15am - 10.40am</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
10.40am-12.00pm	<i>Group discussions (Moderator- Catherine Mukoya)</i> <b>Objective:</b> To understand the gaps and challenges that hinder the participation of local researchers, and the possible remedies that can enable targeted support and engagement.
12.00pm- 1.00pm	Group presentations
<b>1.00 pm-2.00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
2.00pm – 3.30pm	<i>Match-making session (Moderator – John Ochieng)</i> <b>Objective:</b> To Identify similar interests within specific groups/researchers with a view of establishing a roadmap for building a community of local researchers.
3.30pm – 3.45pm	Key takeaways & Way forward (IPA- Peter LeFrancois)
3.45pm-4.00pm	Closing Remarks (IPA & UoN)
<b>4.00pm – 5.30pm</b>	<b>NETWORKING HIGH TEA</b>