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Introduction

My name is Moses Kiarie Mukui, a Kenyan citizen and a 2nd year Masters student pursuing MSc. Food Science and Technology at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology in Kenya.

I will start my research next year and hope to graduate by early 2025.

Memorabilia

As I sit down to pen this memorabilia, a flood of memories overwhelms me, reflecting on the incredible journey under AGMCP. It has been 12 months into the program, I have learnt a lot because the guidance has been a guiding light, illuminating the path to success and self-discovery.

The AGMCP mentorship program was nothing short of transformative, seamlessly blending wisdom, experience and a genuine commitment to fostering mentees development.

My biggest excitement was the news that I will be mentored by Dr. Grace Alawa (River State University-Nigeria; Department of Animal and Environment Biology)



Dr. Grace has been more than a mentor to me, she has been a guide, a coach, a confidant and a source of inspiration.

A clear example of this was in 2023 April, a career opportunity presented itself for me to move outside Kenya, I was in a deep dilemma on the next steps to take concerning school, work and family life in general.

I talked to Dr. Grace extensively broke down everything on my plate and she guided me, and I made a decision that I'm really proud of.

I feel deeply indebted to my mentor.

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Memorable Moments

My memorable moments in this program has been so many since its inception as listed below.

- ✓ Meeting different people (fellow mentees) across Africa.
- ✓ Getting to know and interact with facilitators and organizers of 1st Eastern Africa Agroecology Conference
- ✓ Working as a rapporteur in the 1st Eastern Africa Agroecology Conference courtesy of AGMCP
- ✓ Facts about how to balance family and academia.
- ✓ Learning different topics in the field of my career such as;
 - Different ways of referencing.
 - Literature reviews methods and principles.
 - Writing Manuscript.

Meeting Dr. Wale Olayide

Dr. Olayide visited Kenya in February 2023.

Together with two other AGMCP mentees we met the Dr. Olayide at Movenpick Hotel where he was meeting facilitators of 1st Eastern Africa Agroecology Conference and looking for opportunities for us mentees in the upcoming conference.

Meeting with Dr. Olayide was like stepping into a room filled with wisdom, compassion, and a quiet strength that spoke volumes. His presence carried a rare blend of humility and significance, creating an atmosphere where everyone felt seen, valued, and inspired.

In the midst of conversation, I found myself surrounded by a wealth of insights that transcended the boundaries of conventional knowledge. Each word he spoke seemed to carry the weight of lifetime experiences, victories and challenges gracefully overcome. It was not just a meeting; it was a remainder for us mentees to strive not only for personal success but also for the elevation of those around us.

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From right to left: Dr. Amudavi David (Director Division Africa and Facilitator EAAC), Ms. Jeniffer Kago (Mentee AGMCP), Dr. Olayide (President AGMCP), Moses Mukui (Mentee AGMCP), Mrs. Margaret James (Mentee AGMCP) and Miss. Vanencia Wambua (Project Manager EOA initiative)

From the above meeting, Dr. Olayide not only secured us a chance to be part of the 1st Eastern Africa Agroecology Conference, we got a chance to work as rapporteurs.

The 1st Eastern Africa Agroecological conference was not merely a gathering of like-minded individuals; it was a convergence of passion, knowledge, and a collective call to action.

As rapporteurs, our reports captured the essence of the conference and inspired ongoing dialogue and action towards a more resilient and sustainable agricultural future.

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From left to right: Peter Kipkorir (Mentee AGMCP), Jeniffer Kago (Mentee AGMCP), Dr. Million Belay (AFSA General Coordinator), Dr. Amudavi (Director Biovision) and Moses Mukui (AGMCP Mentee)

Conclusion

AGMCP is that platform that all students wish to have to mentor them. Mentors on this platform are filled with rich insights, a dream come true to mentees.

The 12 months under AGMCP have had an impact in my life that is immeasurable, and I look forward to paying the wisdom and guidance you have shared with me by mentoring others.

Thanks to the organizers of the program, the president, my mentor, fellow mentees and the entire AGMCP fraternity.

Mentor: Dr. Grace Alawa

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