

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- ◆ H E R S - E A Executive visits USA
- ◆ HERS-EA receives a grant from The National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Center (NSPARC) at Mississippi State University
- ◆ HERS-EA Obtains Office Space at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
- ◆ HERS-EA To Host Dr. Royrickers Cook, Assistant Vice President for University Outreach, Auburn University
- ◆ HERS-EA holds Curriculum Workshop at The Grand Global Hotel, Kampala, Uganda (June 30-July2, 2016)
- ◆ Recognition of HERS-EA women Accomplishments

**HERS-EA Executive visits USA**

HERS-EA interim executive (Ruth Muwazi, Dr. Irene Naigaga, Ms Naomi Lumutenga) attended a Women’s Conference organized and sponsored by Auburn University and Tuskegee University that was held on February 15-17, 2016 at Auburn, Alabama, USA. HERS-EA presented a panel discussion on “Challenges and Prospects of Women in Higher Education in East Africa”. They also visited University of Georgia (UGA) at Athens, GA; Columbus State University (CSU) in Columbus, GA (hosted by Dr. Florence Wakoko Studstill), and Mississippi State University (MSU), in Starkville, MS (hosted by Dr. Margaret Khaitsa). HERS-EA executive met with several faculty and administrators at these institutions, gave several presentations and held discussions on collaborative research, training and leadership development partnerships between HERS-EA and AU, CSU, UGA and .MSU.



*L-to-R: Dr. Irene Naigaga (Secretary), Dr. Ruth Muwazi (Chair), Dr. Judith White (HERS President & Executive Director); Dr. Margaret Khaitsa & Dr. Florence Wakoko-Studstill (Founder Members) and Ms Naomi Lumutenga (Coordinator & Treasurer), at Auburn University, Alabama.*

*Please visit the photo gallery of this trip posted at HERS-EA website ([www.HERS-EA.org](http://www.HERS-EA.org))*



***HERS-EA receives a grant from The National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Centre (NSPARC) at Mississippi State University, steered by Dr Parisi (photo left), the Executive Director, NSPARC.***



HERS-EA Executive with Faculty of Mississippi State University

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**HERS-EA WILL HOLD THE FIRST HERS INSTITUTE IN KAMPALA, ON JULY 2ND-8TH 2017; PLEASE SEE WEBSITE ([WWW.HERS-EA.ORG](http://WWW.HERS-EA.ORG)) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Following the visit of HERS-EA interim executive (Dr. Ruth Muwazi, Dr. Irene Naigaga, Ms Naomi Lumutenga) to USA in February 2016 HERS-EA received a small grant of \$10,000 from **The National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Center (NSPARC)** at Mississippi State University (<http://nsparc.msstate.edu/>). The small grant will be used to support The Women Empowering Women Sanitary Pads Project; facilitate HERS-EA Curriculum workshop and provide seed money to address research questions that arose from the project. Negotiations are underway to establish long-term collaborative research between HERS-EA and various departments at Mississippi State University including Departments of Sociology, Business and Education.

## HERS-EA Obtains Office Space at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

Following several meetings between HERS-EA Executive and office of The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Makerere University, HERS-EA was allocated Office Space in The Senate Building (room 401) with effect from July 27, 2016.

Also, HERS-EA recruited a Volunteer Ms Susan Kasula (effective July 20, 2016) to help with HERS-EA Office administration. Susan works 9 a.m.- 4:00 pm from Monday to Fridays.

With the leadership of Dr. Florence Wakoko Studstill of Columbus State University (CSU), Columbus, GA and HERS alum (*class of 2013*) and Dr. Margaret Khaita of Mississippi State University (MSU), Starkville, MS and HERS alum (*class of 2011*), HERS-EA is in the process of developing collaborative research, training, global outreach partnerships with The Auburn University **Outreach Global and HERS-EA**; <http://www.auburn.edu/outreach/global/>. A memorandum of Understanding is under development.



**Dr. Royrickers Cook, (photo, left)** Assistant Vice President for University Outreach, AU will visit Uganda from October 30-31, 2016. In addition, preparations are under way for Dr. Cook to meet administrators from some of the seven public Universities in Uganda.

## Recognition of HERS-EA women Accomplishments

*Dr. Irene Naigaga Technical Adviser, One Health Central & Eastern Africa (OHCEA)*



Dr. Irene Naigaga, lecturer, College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources & Biosecurity (COVAB) at Makerere University has served as Secretary, HERS-EA since its inception on August 5, 2014. With effect from January, 2016, Irene was appointed as Technical Adviser, One Health Central and Eastern Africa (OHCEA). OHCEA is a network of fourteen Public Health and Veterinary Higher Education Institutions that are located in eight countries in the Eastern and Central Africa region. We understand that Dr. Naigaga has recently been deployed as Regional Director; Congratulations to her! More information on OHCEA can be found at <http://ohcea.org/>

***Ms Frances Nyachwo, Appointed as Acting Director, Gender Mainstreaming Directorate, at Makerere University***



Ms Frances Nyachwo, a HERS-SA alum (2009) served as Deputy Director, Gender Mainstreaming Directorate at Makerere University (from to 2011). With effect from September 2015, Frances was appointed as Acting Director, Gender Mainstreaming Directorate at Makerere University. Frances played a significant role in the Launch of HERS-EA and in acquisition of an office for HERS-EA at Makerere University.

**Do you have any personal news to share? We would love to hear from you!**

**Other HERS-EA news.....**

***a) HERS-EA Executive To Attend The Engagement Scholarship Consortium conference to be held at University of Nebraska, Omaha, October 11-12, 2016.***

(Three abstracts were accepted for the 17<sup>th</sup> Envisioning Scholarship Consortium (ESC) which will take place between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. If funding is secured in time some members of the HERS-EA Executive will attend and share about the community engagement plans and ongoing work: <http://www.cvent.com/events/esc-2016-annual-conference/event-summary-d991d88a06ab4234ad46dc402a361524.aspx>)

***b) Higher Education Resource Services, West Africa (HERS-WA)***

Higher Education Resource Services, West Africa (HERS-WA) was launched at a Two-Day International Conference that took place between Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November and Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Osun State, southwest of Nigeria. The theme of the conference was: **Women Leading Change and Changing Leadership in West Africa**. Details of the launch can be found at the link below:

<http://www.oauife.edu.ng/2015/10/higher-education-resource-services-west-africa-hers-wa-launch-and-two-day-conference/>

***c). HERS-EA Inaugural Institute to be Held July 2-8, 2017***

HERS-EA first institute is scheduled for July 2-8, 2017 at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.

***d) Scholarship Opportunities for African Women in and Developing Countries***

Below is a link to 2016 List of various Scholarships (undergraduate, Masters, MBA and PhD) that are open for women from African and developing countries. Application deadlines and other information provided on this site can change at any time. You are therefore advised to visit the recommended scholarship organization website. [2016 List of Scholarships for African women and Developing Countries](#)

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**Part of the group of Women who attended the HERS-EA Curriculum Workshop at The Grand Global Hotel, Kampala, Uganda, June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**



From **Right to Left**: Dr. Roselline Nyamutale, Country Director (Uganda), SASAKAWA; Ms Naomi Lumutenga, HERS-EA Coordinator; Prof. Mary Okwakol, Vice Chancellor, Busitema University, Uganda; Dr. Margaret Khaitisa, Professor, Mississippi State University; Dr. May Sengendo, School of Women & Gender Studies, Makerere University, Uganda; Dr. Ruth Muwazi, HERS-EA Chair; Dr. Joy Mueni Maina Küru, University of Nairobi, Kenya; Ms Loyce Hamba, HERS-EA Administrative Assistant; Ms Frances Nyachwo, Acting Director, Directorate of Gender Mainstreaming, Makerere University; Dr. Tsegabirhant Kifle, Mekelle University, Ethiopia; Ms Harriet Nakigozi, Ministry of Health, Uganda & Volunteer, HERS-EA.

Not in the picture: (Dr. Grace Bantebya, School of Women & Gender Studies, Makerere University, Uganda; Dr. Edith Natukunda Togboa, Department of Languages (*French*), Makerere University; Dr. Adeline Muheebwa, President, Association of Uganda Professional Women in Agriculture and Environment (AUPWAE))

*“The way in which we think of ourselves has everything to do with how our world sees us and how we see ourselves successfully acknowledged by the world.”*

**Arlene Rankin**