

Comments from Participants who attended the mentoring workshop organized by AAWE and presented papers at the AES in Uganda in July 2012.

Eurydice, Cameroon

As a PhD candidate, attending both the mentoring workshop and the AES conference was a fulfilling experience for me. It was a good opportunity for me to learn how to write a good CV, how to write publishable journal articles as well as how to write a good research proposal. I am an economist but first of all I am a woman and I acquired very useful tips on balancing career and family life. I also learnt how to circulate my works for public use and the presentation at the AES conference was a good experience. I met and interacted with people from different parts of the world and specifically women economists and formed new network. Thanks to this meeting, I have many examples to follow such as Prof Aseidu, Prof Kamgnia, Prof Juliet Elu and Prof Janet Olatundun and so on. I would like to thank Prof Aseidu for giving me this opportunity and ACBF and AFDB for supporting this initiative. This experience was very rewarding and I hope AAWE will receive more funds to organize more such events.

Luhanga, Malawi

I would like to thank you for what you have done into my life. I'm really glad that finally my eyes have seen you. I have been looking forward to meeting you all day long, Just imagine, I didn't know that you were around during the presentations. Thanks for giving me an opportunity to present at international conference like this. I'm no longer the same now. I'm happy now that I have presented something at international level, this is one of my greatest achievements and will be part of my CV. Experience gained will even be shared with my fellows in Malawi. This is my first time to attend an international conference and I'm learning a lot. Its quiet interesting to meet different economists from different parts of Africa. I'm really happy interacting and networking with different economists in Africa. I'm enjoying the conference so much, it is really an eye opener and is answering most questions I had regarding econometrics and policies in Africa. After the presentations, during tea break, I met Professor Trivedi and Muthoni, a PhD student from U.S.A and commended my paper and advised if I can add more variables to my socioeconomic data to account for variations between members and non members. I was also advised to use propensity score matching for the data analysis. This has made me to start thinking of using the same paper for my Masters degree. As soon as I get scholarship, I will develop the same paper as recommended.

Timba, Cameroon

It was a great pleasure for me to attend to the workshop and the AES conference. I sincerely thank you for your trust. Thanks to your trust, I have a better esteem of myself and I dream to make great things, I believe in me, I believe that everything is possible, even for me. Thank you so much. I will do my best in everything I try, on every opportunity.

Elfried, Benin

It was a very important and awesome experience for a young woman economist as me seeking to earn a PhD. degree in the future. I wish this project will last very long and go higher and higher and also that we'll soon have so much fund that you will have to realize

such event more often and with the participation of more women also.

Eme, Nigeria

I had a rewarding experience at the mentoring workshop in Uganda. Specifically, I learnt how to write a good CV, how to write a good research proposal, balancing profession and family life, and how my published works can be circulated for public use. I also presented a paper and got good comments, which will improve the work. I met and interacted with women from other parts of the world who motivated me and have stirred me up to greater heights. I look forward to more of such outings.

Bernie, Namibia

As a PhD student, it was a great opportunity for me to learn how to write a publishable journal articles. Furthermore, I was introduced to websites and networks for circulating my working papers. It also amazing to know that as a member of AAAWE, my work can be circulated at the AAAWE website. As a woman I also acquired some useful tips on how balance my profession and family life. At the African Econometrics Society (AES) Conference, which was my first International Conference, I presented a paper, and that was an awesome experience. I interacted and formed new networks, which I hope to tap on. Also, I had an opportunity to be a member of the first “Think Tank for Africa Policy dialogue”, which held its deliberation on July 28, 2012. I chaired the group that dealt with financial sector reform and fiscal policy. My sincere thanks to Prof. E. Asiedu for nominating me to these awesome platforms as well as for the funding by the African Development Bank.

Muthoni, South Africa

The conference was an excellent opportunity to meet with fellow female opportunities and learn from their experiences. Thanks to Prof. Asiedu for her hard work in organizing the conference and the AFDB for funding the session.

Asia, Sudan

For me as a young researcher is a challenge to attend an international conference mainly due to financial disability. By Joining AAAWE I was able to participate in the 17th Conference of the African Econometric Society (AES). It is a great opportunity that allows me to interact with young researchers, senior women economist and AES national scholars. During the coffee break I had the chance to talk to Professor Elizabeth Asiedu, the president of the AAAWE about my interest in the area of the economics of climate change she immediately introduce me to Dr Malokele Nanivazo a research fellow at UNU-WIDER who gave me the chance to meet her college Dr Yongfu, from there an effective networking start. Also I had direct conversation with Professor Victor Murinde the director of the African Development Institute (ADI) and Professor Bernadett from the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) about the available opportunities in their institutions, they are many and promising. Topics covered at the workshop are of great benefits to career development. Many lessons were learned from Professor Elizabeth Asiedu,, Professor Juliet Elu, Dr. Sarah Ssewanyana, Professor Janet Olatundun, Professor Bernadette Kamgnia and Dr. Joy Kiru. I hope for this Association to find the suitable environment to grow and produce fruitful opportunities.