



Prof Winnie Mitullah-New Director

Prof Mitullah Appointed the IDS Director

Prof Jama's six-year tenure ends as Prof Kanyinga named Associate Director

Prof Winnie Mitullah was appointed the new IDS director to take over from Prof Mohamud Jama, who had successfully led the Institute for six years.

And for the first time in the history of IDS, the position of Associate Director was created and Prof Karuti Kanyinga appointed in the announcement made by the University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor Prof George Magoha.

Mitullah is Associate Research Professor and holds a PhD in Political Science and Public Administration. She has a BA and MA in Government from the University of Nairobi, and a PhD from the University of York, UK. Her background is in political science and public administration specializing

on local governance, in particular policies and regulations relating to provision and management of urban services.

She has taught, consulted and conducted extensive research within Kenyan and the African region, collaborating with a number of local, regional and international agencies. Her research areas include institutions and governance, in particular decentralisation with publications in the areas of urban development focusing on policies, politics, service delivery, gender and development, media and development, associations of small scale enterprises, and poverty alleviation.

Prof Mitullah is currently the

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Prof Karuti Kanyinga-Associate Director



Prof Mohamud Jama- Former Director

IDS Conducts Research on Regional Youth Employment

The Institute for Development Studies is undertaking a collaborative research project on youth employment in East Africa.

The project, "Innovative Approaches to Creating Opportunities and Incorporating Youth into East Africa's Labour Markets", is being conducted jointly with the Institute

of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR)-Rwanda, Centre for Basic Research (CBR), Uganda, and the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), Tanzania.

Prof Rosemary Atieno, an Associate Research Professor at IDS, is the Kenya country team leader in the project managed by IPAR- Rwanda

and funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Prof Atieno has carried out several research projects on labour market issues. Prof Winnie Mitullah is Co-Principal Researcher in the project.

The main objective of the regional research project is to conduct quantitative and qualitative analysis

in order to identify constraints to job creation, productivity and access by the youth to employment opportunities, and identify policy implications from the results. The two-year project commenced in January 2013.

The youth and employment study will generate coherent policy >>>Continued on Page 8

ACFRN Project Spurs Creation of Regional Centre of Excellence

The recently concluded African Clothing and Footwear Research Network (ACFRN) project has spurred the formation of Regional Centre of Excellence for Textile and Apparel.

The proposed Centre aims to provide up-to-date, relevant and practical training and capacity building for the various segments of the textile value chain in the Eastern and Southern region as well as for relevant institutional actors.

“Adjusting to Chinese Ascendancy in the Global Clothing Industry: Dimensions, Variations, Sources and Limits of Post-MFA Stabilisation in African Clothing Exports”, research was carried out by university-based researchers from six countries under the ACFRN umbrella. It was funded by the International Centre for Development Research (IDRC).

When the results were presented in various forums in 2012, the African Cotton & Textile Industries Federation (ACTIF), an industry association with members in 20 African countries, proposed a high-level regional training centre located in Kenya. To champion the establishment of the centre, a working committee consisting of relevant stakeholders has been constituted.

IDS researchers Prof Dorothy McCormick, International Coordinator of ACFRN, and Dr Paul Kamau, ACFRN Kenya Country Coordinator, are members of the Working Committee.

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Director’s Message



As I take over the reins of IDS, I wish to welcome you to another edition of our biannual Newsletter, which provides a forum to share with our stakeholders some of the recent events by Institute for Development Studies staff and partners.

I feel humbled to take over the mantle at a critical period when higher institutions of learning and other sectors are experiencing tremendous changes due to reforms sweeping across the country.

IDS cherishes local and international linkages that have propelled us to global fame and wider recognition as one of the premier institutions in development studies research. Through our niche, we continue to make invaluable contributions to the University of Nairobi, the

country, the region and the world at large.

This newsletter only captures highlights of a fraction of what IDS and staff have done in the recent past. A lot more remains documented in hearts and souls of thousands of individuals who have been impacted by IDS contribution to knowledge through research. As usual, we remain committed to establishing wide linkages to ensure the spirit of our mission and vision remains alive.

In this regard, I play glowing tribute to my predecessor, Prof Mohamud Jama, for steering the Institute steadily for the last six years. Under his leadership, IDS expanded tremendously in research activities and collaborations. I also acknowledge the contributions made by every staff member to ensure our reputation as the oldest Institute for Development Studies out of 20 such institutes world-wide is matched with our outputs.

This Newsletter issue comes out at a time when the Institute has embarked on achieving higher goals as envisaged in our Strategic Plan for the period 2013-2018. This cannot be achieved without our invaluable partners in development. In this regard, we welcome feedback from all our stakeholders on how we can remain relevant despite the myriad emerging challenges.

I also welcome feedback on how we can improve our newsletter further to make it a highly informative mouthpiece in documenting the history of IDS.

Prof Winnie Mitullah
Director, IDS

County Leaders Exposed to Tenets of Citizen Participation

Prof Winnie Mitullah was one of the trainers at the induction workshop for Kenya’s Governors, Deputy Governors, County Speakers and Deputy County Speakers.

The Transition Authority, in collaboration with other stakeholders, hosted the training from April 1st to April 6th 2013 at the Great-Rift Lodge in Naivasha.

Prof Mitullah was part of the “Public Service Delivery and Citizen Participation” panel and made presentation on “Citizen Participation”. Two other trainers made presentations on “Public Service Delivery” and “Performance Management Framework.”

The theme of the workshop was: “Supporting Devolution: Towards Accountable Governance and Enhanced Service Delivery”. Its objectives

were to:

- sensitize the elected officials on the mandate and powers of the Transition Authority, the milestones achieved so far and modalities for interfacing with the Authority to ensure successful transition to devolved government;
- establish common understanding on devolved government structures, processes and procedures;
- enhance understanding of the enabling legislations for the operationalization of the devolved government;
- enhance knowledge on key institutions that counties will interact with.; and
- establish a framework for

interface and consultation between the counties and national institutions.

Prof Mitullah shared with the governors the Devolved Government Act, which provides for participation. She noted that attributes of good governance include: participation, rule of law, transparency, responsiveness, consensus, orientation, equity, effectiveness and efficiency, accountability, and strategic vision.

She noted that visionary leadership involves working with citizens. “Devolution requires active citizens with capacity and democratic will to build a viable county and nation. There is need to collaboratively establish mechanisms for participation through statutory measures,” she said.

PIMA Hosts Roundtable Briefing on Politics and Interactive Media

The Politics and Interactive Media in Africa (PIMA) hosted a roundtable briefing and discussions at the Nairobi Safari Club on 21st February 2013.

PIMA is a research project looking at how select radio and TV stations in Kenya and Zambia reflect, gather, disseminate and influence public opinion. It is particularly interested in the implications of the spread of mobile phone technology and the growth of call-in and text-in radio and TV shows for governance, accountability and politics in general.

The objective of the workshop was to brief, share knowledge and get input from stakeholders. It provided an opportunity for stakeholders to exchange ideas and make proposals to the research team. The meeting brought together key representatives from the government, independent bodies, broadcast media practitioners, media assistance/funding organisations, media associations and civil society actors.

Prof Winnie Mitullah, the IDS Director, is a Co-Investigator while Dr Fred Mudhai, a University of Cambridge IDS Research Associate, covers mainly Kenya but will also take part in the Zambia research. Other project team members are University of Cambridge's Dr Sharath Srinivasan (Principal Investigator), Co-Investigator Dr Neo Simutanyi (Centre for Policy Dialogue, Lusaka), Dr Alastair Fraser and Ms Nalukui Milapo (University of Zambia). Prof Mitullah observed that the interactive



Participants at the PIMA roundtable briefing meeting at the Nairobi Safari Club on 21st February 2013.

media and public opinion is currently an area of interest to the public and IDS is committed to not only informing the on-going debates on interactive media and public opinion but also providing relevant information for the advancement of knowledge and policymaking in the area.

The Acting Director of Public Communications in the Department of Public Communications, Mary Ombara, represented the Ministry of Information and Communications. She is also the Secretary of the National Steering Committee on Media Monitoring.

Mercy Wanjau represented the Communications Commission of Kenya (CCK), where she is the Principal Legal Officer. The Independent Electoral and Boundaries

Commission (IEBC) sent two senior officials, Vice Chairperson Lilian Mahiri-Zaja and Commissioner Muthoni Wangai.

Media practitioners included Kenya Broadcasting Corporation Editor-in-Chief Vitalis Musebe and Koch FM Team Leader, Tom Mboya. Religious broadcaster Hope FM sent three representatives.

Representatives of media associations included Doreen Rukaria, the National Co-ordinator of Community Radio Association of Kenya (CRAK). Other key participants in this category, as well as media development/funding/training/research and related organisations, were from: Association of Media Women in Kenya (AMWIK); African Women's Development and Communication

Network (FEMNET); Media Focus on Africa; Women's Empowerment Link (WEL); African Media Initiative (AMI); Hivos Kenya Media Programme; School of Journalism, University of Nairobi; UN-Habitat; and Ipsos-Synovate.

Marginalised groups

Taking cue from opening remarks by representatives of the Ministry of Information and Communications, CCK and IEBC, participants at the event observed that there is a correlation between opening of media space and increase of democratisation process. It was particularly noted that marginalised groups have made use of interactive media, for instance through community radios, to hold political leadership accountable. However, it was noted that the new trends in interactive communication operate in a relatively free environment with inadequate regulatory framework – making social media in particular open to abuse.

The stakeholders expressed willingness to assist in the project's knowledge generation objectives and activities. The Kenyan project team will organise at least one other similar platform for information sharing and learning. The meeting was chaired by PIMA country Co-Investigator, Prof Mitullah and PIMA's University of Cambridge IDS Research Associate, Dr Fred Mudhai, with the help of Kenya-based PIMA Research Assistants, Sammy Mwangi and Moses Maina.

Institute Staff Embrace Outreach Activities

Despite their everyday busy academic schedules, the Institute for Development Studies staff have been active in community service and outreach activities both locally and internationally.

Prof Dorothy McCormick is a member of the Working Committee on the proposed Regional Centre of Excellence, Export Processing Zones Authority and African

Cotton Textiles Federation. The Research Professor is also a member of: Technical Committee on Ready-Made Garments, Kenya Bureau of Standards; Steering Committee for 2012 Micro, Small and Medium-scale Enterprises Survey, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics; and International Editorial Advisory Board, Regional Development Studies, published by

United Nations Centre for Regional Development, Nagoya, Japan.

Prof Winnie Mitullah is the chair, Kenya National Commission for UNESCO Social and Human Science Programme Committee as well as Board of the Centre for Law and Research International (CLARION) based in Kenya. She is also member of Devolution Working Group, StreetNet

International based in South Africa and National Council for Science and Technology Task Force on Policies on Increasing Access and Participation in Science and Technology Innovation of Youth, Gender Variation, and Vulnerable Groups in Kenya. Mitullah sits on Board of Governors of Kenya Land Alliance, Pamoja Trust and Nyangoma Technical School for the Deaf.

Prof Karuti Kanyinga was National Leader – Monitoring progress of the implementation of reforms under the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation agreement. The IDS Associate Director is Board Member and Director, the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC), Member - Kenyans for

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Professor Mitullah Takes Over as Director at IDS

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Core Partner Director for Kenya and the Eastern Africa region for AfroBarometer, the independent, nonpartisan research project that measures the social, political, and economic atmosphere in Africa; member of the Board of the International Foundation of Training (FIT), and Chair of the Kenya UNESCO Secretariat Committee on Social and Human Sciences.

Prof Kanyinga is an accomplished development researcher and scholar with extensive national and international experience and exposure. He holds a PhD in Political Science and International Development. He has carried out many research programmes and projects for over 20 years. He has published extensively on development and governance in Kenya and is renowned for his contributions to scholarship and knowledge in governance and development in Kenya. He has done extensive research and published on land rights in Kenya; civil society and development; ethnicity and development; and electoral politics and development.

A formidable team

The IDS fraternity welcomed Prof. Mitullah and Kanyinga's appointment. The immediate former Director Prof Jama, while handing over the Institute's reins after completing his term, said Prof Mitullah and Prof Kanyinga would be a formidable team in managing the affairs of the Institute. He appealed to the IDS staff to accord the duo maximum support.

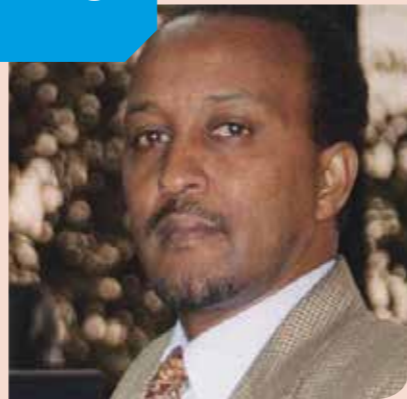
Prof Dorothy McCormick congratulated the new team and also praised Prof Jama for his six-year tenure leadership, which she described as admirable. "You have done it in a consultative style that has strengthened the sense of responsibility of each staff member. I hope that, as you proceed on your well-deserved sabbatical, you will be able to do the things that you want to do and that you will return to IDS relaxed and refreshed," said the IDS Research Professor. Prof Njuguna Ngethe also hailed the duo's appointment as well as Prof Jama's tenure.

"I congratulate the new team of Profs Mitullah and Kanyinga. They can count on my support," he said. He observed that Prof Jama had steered the Institute through patience, non abrasiveness and allowing everyone "the freedom to roam the terrain." He said the Institute now enjoys the high profile it once enjoyed in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

Prof Rosemary Atieno said Prof Mitullah and Prof Kanyinga form a formidable team in steering IDS to higher levels of achievement. She also congratulated

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

The appointment of Prof Winnie Mitullah and Prof Karuti Kanyinga was welcomed by IDS staff, who also paid tribute to former director Prof Mohamud Jama. Here are the excerpts:



"You will agree with me that that the duo will be a formidable team in managing the affairs of the Institute. In this respect, I would like to appeal to all to accord maximum support to both Winnie and Karuti."

Prof Mohamud Jama



"You (Prof Jama) have been a great colleague, and you have pursued what others who still remain part of the Institute began. I think we are among the few institutes and departments where past Directors remain active and quite resourceful to the institute."

Prof Winnie Mitullah



"Thank you (Prof Jama) for your leadership of IDS these past six years! You have shown a level of dedication and commitment to the many tasks involved in directing IDS that has been admirable. And you have done it in a consultative style that has strengthened the sense of responsibility of each staff member."

Prof Dorothy McCormick



"I wish to express my appreciation to Prof Jama's leadership of IDS and support to me for the last six years. We have institutionalised as a centre FOR development studies."

Prof Karuti Kanyinga



"I wish to register my sincere appreciation for the way you (Prof Jama) have steered the institute for the last six years. The Institute now enjoys the kind of high profile, globally and within the University of Nairobi, which it once enjoyed in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. It has taken us quite a bit of time but we are more or less there."

Prof Njuguna Ngethe.



"Profs Mitullah and Kanyinga, congratulations on your appointments. The two of you indeed form a formidable team in steering IDS to higher levels of achievement."

Prof Atieno



"I congratulate Prof. Winnie Mitullah and Prof Karuti Kanyinga as they embark on a mission to steer IDS to greater visions. They face many challenges as the country moves forward to devolved government amid expanding research collaborations and teaching programmes at the University."

Dr Joseph Onjala



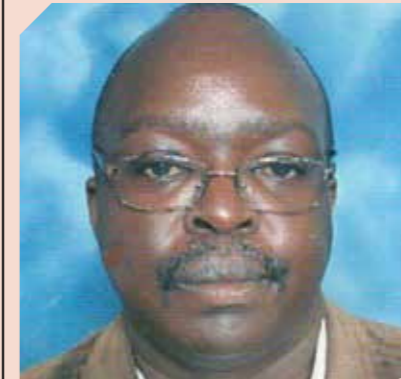
"I congratulate Prof Jama for serving IDS for the last six years with a lot of commitment and dedication. To the new team - Prof Winnie Mitullah and Prof Karuti Kanyinga - I congratulate you for the appointment to the Directorship. I pledge to support you in all ways possible."

Dr Paul Kamau



"I congratulate Prof Winnie Mitullah and Prof Karuti Kanyinga for their appointment. The new year heralds a great moment in the history of IDS administration. For the first time we have associate director and it is a great opportunity to steer IDS to greater heights."

Mr Otuma Ongalo



"My congratulations and appreciation to Prof Jama for humility and humane leadership during the last six years. Welcome Profs Winnie and Karuti. I'm sure you will get all the support you require to manage IDS with professionalism, informed participation and results."

Mr John Njoka



"I note with relief that the VC has realised the need to fill an Associate Director's position in view of the amount of work involved. I hope that this managerial innovation will not only ease the burden of governance but also catapult the Institute to greater heights of achievement and prosperity."

Mr Geoffrey Njeru

the outgoing director, saying his leadership had made IDS continue to build on its wealth of knowledge and human resource.

While welcoming the new administration, Dr Joseph Onjala said Prof Mitullah and Prof Kanyinga face many challenges as the country adopts devolved government, amid expanding research collaborations and teaching programmes at the University. He also congratulated the former director for providing IDS with consultative leadership at the time when the University of Nairobi had been undergoing

many challenges.

Dr Paul Kamau, Senior Research Fellow at IDS, pledged to support the new team. "I congratulate you for the appointment to the Directorship. As my other colleagues, I pledge to support you in all ways possible," he said. He congratulated Prof Jama for serving IDS with commitment and dedication and welcomed him back in fulltime research.

Mr Geoffrey Njeru thanked the VC for filling Associate Director's position in view of the amount of work at IDS. He said the new managerial innovation will not only

ease the burden of governance but also catapult the Institute to greater heights of achievement and prosperity. He urged the new administration to beware of the mushrooming of "Institutes of Development Studies" in Nairobi and other urban centres.

"I hope the new team will find time to unravel what these are and communicate as appropriate," said the Research Fellow at IDS. He thanked Prof Jama for "a job well done" and congratulated him following his recent appointment as Chair of the Board of Murang'a University College.

IDS Research Fellow, Mr John Njoka, also welcomed the new administration. "Welcome Profs Winnie and Karuti and congratulations on your respective appointments. I am sure you will get all the support you require to manage

IDS with professionalism, informed participation and results," he said. He said Prof Jama's tenure was of humility and humane leadership. The IDS Publications Editor, Mr Otuma Ongalo, said the appointment of Prof Mitullah and Prof Kanyinga heralds a great moment in the history of IDS administration. "For the first time

we have associate director - albeit belatedly. It's, no doubt, a great opportunity to steer IDS to greater heights," he said.

The new Director, Prof Mitullah, hailed her predecessor. "I feel humbled as you announce to our colleagues that you are handing the baton to me with Prof Karuti as an Associate Director. I congratulate you for having served us as colleagues. All through I felt I was dealing more with a colleague than a boss. I hope that I will also work with the IDS team as colleagues, together sharing and developing ideas, implementing and monitoring the

same for progress of the Institute and the entire University," she said.

Prof Kanyinga, who was appointed as he was preparing to proceed on sabbatical leave, expressed appreciation to Prof Jama's leadership, which he said had institutionalised IDS as a centre for development studies.

"I will be returning from sabbatical at the end of the year, when I will have accomplished certain goals I have set in terms of research and publishing. I look forward to assisting Prof. Winnie in our tasks," he said.

IDS Directors Panellists at Universities for Culture of Peace Debate



Prof Karuti Kanyinga and Prof Goran Hyden during the Culture of Peace debate at the University of Nairobi.

Prof Winnie Mitullah and Prof Karuti Kanyinga were panellists in the University of Nairobi public debate on the theme “Wajibu Wetu: Universities for a Culture of Peace”.

The keynote presenter at the debate on 29th April 2013 was Prof Goran Hyden, Distinguished Professor Emeritus in Political Science, University of Florida at Gainesville USA.

Prof Hyden urged Kenyans to embrace good governance, respect for the rule of law, respect of life, environmental conservation, and exercise of power

together with others in order to entrench the culture of peace. He challenged students to play a role in nurturing a culture of peace through research, teaching and community service.

Prof Mitullah, the IDS Director, pointed out the correlation between peace and development. She emphasized management of change while expanding opportunities to ensure everyone participates in the process.

Prof Mitullah noted that development and peace are synonymous concepts which are context specific.

“No single theory explains development of all people in all places at all times. This is due to the dynamics of development which is subject to continuous growth and change. In the process of managing change and development, conflict occurs and has to be addressed,” she said.

She further linked the concepts of peace and justice, noting that the recent experience in Kenya of calling for peace – peace evangelism - had gagged freedom of expression with many calling for peace, at

the expense of justice. She observed that this is likely to postpone conflict and called for realistic management of conflict with justice as a pillar.

Prof Karuti Kanyinga, who is IDS Associate Director, urged Kenyans to critically examine and address the threats to sustainable peace, pointing out that it is closely linked to social justice. He also emphasized the importance of inclusive governance and correcting all forms of inequality.

Other panellists were Prof Patricia Kameri-Mbote,

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Dean, School of Law and, Prof Michael Chege, Advisor Treasury. The debate, which was aired live on KTN, was moderated by Mr Louis Otieno.

Prof Mitullah Moderates UN Meeting on Women, Youth

Prof Winnie Mitullah was a Moderator at the recent UN-HABITAT Twenty Fourth Session Dialogue on Sustainable Urban Development: The Role of Cities in Creating Improved Economic Opportunities for All, With Special Reference to Youth and Women.

The forum was hosted by the UN-HABITAT Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme in Nairobi between April 15 and April 19. Prof Mitullah, who is also the IDS Director, moderated “Dialogue on Economic Empowerment of Women” session.

In her opening remarks, Prof Mitullah observed that a critical element of empowerment is self actualization, which cannot be realized without adequate access to resources and services. She said Land remains a major asset, although it is diminishing due to population pressure.

“Land on its own is not an empowering asset. It is how we plan

land, what we do with land or how we use land that determines its influence on economic empowerment, including influence on women’s empowerment,” said Mitullah.

She observed that all human activities require land and therefore land use planning is critical to women, especially in urban areas. She said across many cities in Africa, women are engaged in various small scale economic activities and site of operation endowed with services remains a major challenge.

“Many programmes provide finance, related financial services and technology to women but hardly bother about their sites of operation. Issues such as access to sites, mobility, and infrastructure, including availability of water, sanitary facilities, health and education are viewed as docketed falling under other jurisdictions. These elements together are major pillars for economic empowerment and yet across the world women are

comparatively worse off than men in accessing the resources,” Prof Mitullah told the session.

The Associated Research Professor, however, acknowledged progress made across the globe but noted that it is not adequate and women are continuously struggling to access required resources for basic livelihoods.

She said most of the women are found in non protected insecure employment without social protection. “A number of countries are attempting to change this situation by designing targeted programmes for women,

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-Prof Mitullah

but such programmes face challenges largely relating to finance and management. This dialogue is expected to generate rich experiences of policy and practice from around the globe for moving the Economic Empowerment of Women Agenda forward,” observed Prof Mitullah

The moderators said the meeting was taking place in a country that had made several attempts to address economic empowerment of women but dismal success had been registered, noting that Kenya is still to achieve the global recommended 30 per cent gender parity in all spheres of life.

“Economic Empowerment programmes which have been put in place, such as the Women’s Enterprises Fund, face challenges with many women unable to access the fund due to either technicalities or lack of information and knowledge on related processes,” she concluded.

Prof Atieno Attends Key Forums in Africa and UK

Prof Rosemary Atieno participated in a number of key academic conferences in Africa and in the United Kingdom.

At the invitation of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Prof Atieno was a member of a distinguished team of external peer reviewers for the Economic Report for Africa (ERA 2013). She participated in the External Peer Review meeting held in Cape Town South Africa on 28-29 November 2012.

The ERA is a flagship annual publication of the Economic Commission for Africa, produced jointly with the African Union Commission. The theme of the 2013 report is 'Reaping the benefits of value addition for industrialisation and structural transformation in Africa'. The main objective of the review meeting was to review all draft chapters and sections of the report, with a focus on the thematic part and provide suggestions for improvements, comment on additional pertinent issues to be covered in the report and finalise policy messages and recommendations.

Prof. Atieno also participated in the validation meeting for the African Gender and Development Index (AGDI), organised by African Centre for Gender and Development of the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

between January 29-31, 2013. The IDS Associate Research Professor was the principal consultant who prepared the Kenya African Gender and Development Index report.

AGDI is an initiative of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) deriving from its mandate to coordinate, support, monitor, evaluate and report on the implementation of international and regional human rights agreements on the rights of women at country level. This mandate has most often been hampered by the lack of a common set of gender responsive indicators to measure progress made in the advancement of women. AGDI is designed to fill this gap in Africa and to assess the progress made by the African governments in implementing gender policies. The computation of AGDI is based on a methodology developed by ECA, from the design, data collection, and the computation of the indicators. The report was prepared using national data.

During the period March 11-12, 2013, Prof. Atieno attended an inception workshop

for the project on innovative approaches to youth employment in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The project is a collaboration between researchers in Kenya, Burundi, Tanzania and Uganda. The inception workshop was aimed at discussing the methodology and mechanisms of implementing the project.

Prof Atieno was also a participant at a conference on Economic Development in Africa at the Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), University of Oxford, from March 16 to 21, 2013. During this period, she also attended a meeting for the alumni of the Journal of African Economies (JAE) fellowship programme at the University of Oxford.

The JAE visiting scholars' programme provides for short-term visiting fellowships to the CSAE and provides an opportunity for them to engage in academic research and distill a publishable journal article from their recent researches.

The fellowship is intended to support independent research and study while in Oxford. Visiting fellows interact with scholars and participate in the intellectual life of the Centre, the Department of Economics and St Antony's College at the University of Oxford.

"It is a privilege and honour to note I was the first fellow of the programme in 2006," observes Prof Atieno.

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Prof McCormick and Dr Kamau Present Papers in Helsinki Meeting



Prof Dorothy McCormick Dr Paul Kamau

Prof Dorothy McCormick and Dr Paul Kamau presented papers during the UNU-WIDER Conference, "Learning to Compete: Industrial Development and Policy in Africa", in Helsinki, Finland.

The IDS Research Professor and Senior Research Fellow, respectively, are also coordinators of the African Clothing and Footwear Research Network (ACFRN). The 24-25 June 2013 conference featured a mix of plenary speakers, panels, and sessions based on invited papers and those submitted through the call for papers.

Prof McCormick and Dr Kamau responded to the United Nations University-World Institute for Development and Economic Research (UNU-WIDER) call for papers by submitting two separate abstracts based on the just concluded ACFRN research project: 'Chinese Ascendancy in the Global Clothing Industry'. Prof McCormick's paper during the conference was entitled: "Breaking-in: Can Africa Enter Global Markets." It examines how sub-Saharan African countries have fared in the context of increased competition from China in the global clothing industry.

The paper traces the genesis of the challenge in apparel export trade to the rapid rise of China as a competitor in many of the same markets. It rose from a relatively small player accounting for 4 percent of world clothing imports in 1980 to a major force in world clothing trade.

Dr Kamau's paper is on Industrialisation and Skills theme. It examines how availability of technical skills in the Kenya clothing industry has affected its competitiveness in the global market. The research project from which these two papers are drawn was funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).



Prof Atieno (right) addresses fellow participants at a conference

QUEST for PEACE



IDS Research Professor Patrick Alila (right) and Dr Robinson Ocharo, of Sociology Department, at a luncheon in honour of Prof Goran Hyden before the public debate on "Universities for a Culture of Peace." IDS directors Prof Winnie Mitullah and Prof Karuti Kanyinga were panellists at the debate held on 29 April 2013 at the University of Nairobi. - See story on page 6.

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recommendations on how existing policies and programmes that target youth employment and employment creation in both private and public sectors as well as youth education and training can be aligned and coordinated in order to enhance faster and efficient employment creation for the youth.

The study will also generate recommendations on how existing youth employment programmes and entrepreneurship programmes can be better designed to be more inclusive, catering for the needs of the different youth groups including rural, urban, male, female, educated and uneducated youth groups.

Underemployment

"We hope to obtain deeper insights about the different forms of unemployment, underemployment and hidden unemployment among the youth in the region, which go beyond the quantitative figures. This will be useful in designing targeted productive youth employment programmes," say the researchers in their proposal.

In addition, the youth and employment research project will improve understanding of the nature of the growth-

employment-poverty reduction nexus in each country, including determining the underlying mechanisms that drive this relationship. The researchers are undertaking a sectoral decomposition of the economy in order to identify and analyze potential sources of growth and employment for youths in East Africa.

The project is expected to provide capacity building opportunities by supporting four Master of Arts students during thesis writing and dissemination in international conferences. Each participating country project has taken on one MA student whose thesis will be related to the research topic.

Each country team will also make use of other junior researchers involved in data collection and entry as part of the capacity building initiative. In addition the project will hire policy and communication consultants who will train the project team at different intervals during the course of the project.

Dr Dickson Mulunda, a Senior Research Fellow at IPAR-Rwanda, is the overall project leader while the Centre for Basic Research (CBR) team is led by Dr Edward Baale and Dr Josephine Ahikire. The Economic and Social Research Foundation team leader, in Tanzania, is Dr Georgina Saibul, a Senior Research Fellow at the institution.

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Peace, Truth and Justice (KPTJ); and Associate Member of civil society groups including Kenya Section of International Commission of Jurists, and the Open Society Initiative of Eastern Africa.

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