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Somefun's doctoral journey of resilience, chaos, and passion

By Eunice Kilonzo, CARTA communications officer

Four book chapters, eight awards, 21 papers, 43 months of doctoral studies, several fellowships, and the list goes on and on. Cohort Six Fellow Somefun Oluwaseyi Dolapo from the University of the Witwatersrand, has hung her doctoral boots in style. One accolade after another.

After being featured as one of Wits academics – both established and emerging – to have won widely, in fields as diverse as philosophy, entomology, pharmacy, and engineering. She graduated on December 9, 2019.

Seyi, as she is fondly known, says her doctoral journey was not always colorful.

"My PhD journey was filled with so many instances where I asked myself: Why did I decide to go down this path? Why did I decide to persist in this struggle of constant rejections? Why have I allowed journal articles and statistical jargon to become a significant part of my life? Why?"

As a master's student, Seyi, always loved research. She was motivated to enroll in a doctoral program because she "didn't want to be an ordinary postgraduate student."

Her passion for the youth and personal quest for knowledge nudged her on. She settled on a youth development topic, specifically, to create an index on this global development issue

"I worked on this for about six months and was looking forward to submitting my research proposal before my supervisor asked me to change the topic while he was away on sabbatical," she adds. "This was probably the first challenge during my PhD," says Seyi.

"I could not convince my supervisor via email why I had to continue with the topic. I did not want to start a new topic after I had completed the literature review task from ESE:O¹. I used this waiting time of about two months to draft a manuscript on this topic which has been published, and also attended my first Population Association of America conference in Chicago, where I presented a paper on educational outcomes."

By the time Seyi's supervisor returned, he advised her to focus on the sexual behavior of youth beyond a risk approach, therefore, through a positive lens. But she was hesitant as the other fellows in her cohort had submitted their proposals and were getting ready for data collection.

"After going through the five stages of grief [denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance], I



started working on sexual resilience among youth in Nigeria."

This set her on a path she terms as "difficult" for several reasons. One, she was the first in her department to conduct a mixed-method study. Two, the study meant she had to travel to four Nigerian states as representatives of different ethnic groups in her home country. Three, it took nearly a whole year to get ethical approval at the University of the Witwatersrand. The latter, she believes, was a silver lining.

"I went for several conferences, authored and collaborated with other researchers as my main research was on a standstill. One of the highlights of this year was presenting an idea (Mentoring in Research Eco-systems) at the African Studies Association in Chicago. I also got to be a discussant on the "African family formation and living arrangements" session at the IUSSP conference in Cape Town in 2017."

Seyi got her ethical approval in December 2018 and began fieldwork in 2019. She describes this time as "simultaneously chaotic and fun" marked with several canceled flights, unethical practices

♦♦ I wish to thank CARTA for investing in Dr. Seyi Somefun, whose unusual productivity in terms of research output is beyond what any PhD student has done. I know her story and how she was taken by CARTA. It has paid off! She will be an asset as a role model to other CARTA Fellows, ♦♦ her supervisor, Clifford Odimegwu, said.

proposed by field workers but overall a great learning experience as a result of talking to diverse youth."

After the fieldwork, she participated in a fellowship organized by the Population Reference Bureau (PRB) and the African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP). She was one of 11 doctoral researchers from Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, and Nigeria trained on effective communication of their research to policy makers. An opportunity, in another continent, came knocking.

"I got a 6-month fellowship at the World Bank in New York, US. I was attached to the Africa Human Capital Team. My skills as a demographer were relevant for the team as I helped disaggregate human capital outcomes by different socio-demographic characteristics in order to help country offices better target vulnerable populations for interventions."

While in New York, Seyi interacted with several economists from diverse backgrounds and broadened her skills beyond academia. The free-spirited fellow says the PhD experience is one clouded in superficiality, solitude and somewhat, brief.

"I woke up the next day wondering if this is it."

Even as she exited the stage of what was her doctoral journey, she picked nuggets of wisdom that she says encouraged her.

"The key to staying afloat is resilience. We are all dealing with rejection. I applied for the PRB fellowship twice and got in on the second attempt. I only became a World Bank fellow at the third try. Of course, I wanted to give up most of the time."

But she didn't.

"I can't be specific as to why I didn't give up. Contributing to a better world is not one of the top reasons, but I guess the fear of being a failure is. Invest in your hobbies. Traveling, playing football, and tinkering with my fantasy league were activities that helped me through the PhD journey."

Looking ahead, Seyi says she looks forward to "exciting postdoctoral opportunities within and beyond Africa to continue my work on sexual resilience among youth and also to mentor other African scholars."

Title of thesis: BEYOND RISK: Understanding a Framework for Improving Adolescents' Sexual Health in Nigeria.

¹ ESE:O is a CARTA partner based in Chile. They represent unique South-South CARTA collaborations. ESE:O provides specialized skills in academic writing support with a mission to get voices of the South into mainstream academic publications. ESE:O is an on-line teaching platform for distance education program that addresses the particular problem of poor writing skills in the African academy. The collaboration allows CARTA to increase its graduates' research output and support them to become research leaders. We are international experts in the development of literacy skills with more than ten years' experience in Latin America, Africa and Asia.



Gender responsive doctoral programs in Africa: CARTA's model

By Eunice Kilonzo, CARTA Communications Officer and Anne Khisa, Cohort Three Fellow

Enrolment and completion of doctoral training in the continent are fraught with gender inequalities, which contribute negatively to Africa's contribution to global knowledge production and research. In general, Africans—who constitute 1.1 percent of the world's scientific researchers—have authored just about 1.4 percent of all globally published research. Of these, women in sub-Saharan Africa represent 30 percent of the continent's researchers.

The Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa (CARTA) is cognizant of women's gender roles that likely affect their enrollment in and completion of doctoral programs. An article, *Gender responsive multidisciplinary doctoral training program: The Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa (CARTA) experience*, describes CARTA's approach in challenging gender inequities in enrolment and completion of doctoral studies across the continent.

Commenting on the publication, Anne Khisa, the lead author of the paper and an alumna of the program, attests to the gender-sensitive response of CARTA to its fellows' needs as it "meets women's practical needs around childbearing and childrearing."

💡 **Women in the CARTA program have had their practical needs met during training, and this has supported them to maintain on-time graduation rates that are similar to their male counterparts.** 💡

Some of the CARTA interventions that make the merit-based fellowships accessible to, and supportive of, female fellows include:

- 💡 A different cut-off age for applicants, female (45 years old) and male (40 years old) in response to women who may start their PhD studies later in life owing to childbearing obligations.
- 💡 CARTA PhD fellows can enroll in any one of the African partner universities, including their home institution. Thus, compatible with other gendered roles that would have limited their participation or progress in a doctoral training program.
- 💡 CARTA adds value to what various universities offer by running a set of four interdisciplinary joint advanced seminars (JAS) offered at strategic times during the PhD journey. The workshops expose fellows to alternative learning and teaching environments. The JAS' constitute four one-month residential programs that bring the fellows in each cohort together with an international faculty teaching a specially crafted curriculum. Attendance at each JAS is mandatory for both male and female fellows. Therefore, to ensure CARTA female participants fully participate in the JAS', while also fulfilling their gendered roles as mothers and child minders, CARTA supports a breastfeeding mother to attend the JAS with their infant and a childminder. The program covers the full cost for the fellow, the child, and the childminder.

- 💡 CARTA fellows, who request it, get a leave of absence during their maternity leave. Such fellows continue with their fellowship award upon return. They are thus not penalized in any way and eventually enjoy the same benefits as non-pregnant fellows o

The authors, in the publication, posit that: "Women in the CARTA program have had their practical needs met during training, and this has supported them to maintain on-time graduation rates that are similar to their male counterparts. Also, some of the female fellows have advanced in the academy, reaching positions of power and in decision-making. While the CARTA program has managed to address practical gender needs, structural barriers like unequal pay and unfair workloads can be addressed by working with institutions to change their policies."

CARTA is an Africa-based, Africa-led initiative to rebuild and strengthen the capacity of African universities to produce well-trained and skilled researchers and scholars locally. CARTA consists of eight African universities, four African research centers, and nine non-African partners. The consortium seeks to address the scarcity of a robust research and training infrastructure capable of offering vibrant and sustained doctoral training necessary to attract, train, and retain the continent's brightest minds. The primary focus of CARTA is in public and population health anchored on a robust transdisciplinary perspective. **C**

CARTA hosted successful week-long meetings in Nairobi

By Eunice Kilonzo, CARTA communications officer



The university of Nairobi played host to CARTA's series of meetings that brought together over 40 participants from African, non-African universities and research institutions. The University of Nairobi Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Innovation, and Production, Madara Ogot got the assembly underway with the first one being a Research meeting held on September 16-17. It involved interactive group discussions directed by the Research and Evaluation Consultant, Barbara Klugman, and APHRC's Research Capacity Strengthening Director Evelyn Gitau. An expert in Outcome Harvesting, Ponge Awuor, was at the meeting where he presented results on the institutionalization of the program and CARTA pedagogical approaches. The meeting culminated in discussions and commitments to write CARTA-related papers that would showcase collaboration in publications by fellows and graduates, impact of CARTA over the decade, how long it takes for fellows to graduate among other topics.

The second meeting—the 10th Partners' Annual Forum on September 18-19—brought together CARTA's African and non-African partners. Invited guests who included AMREF, Makerere University School of Humanities, and University of Zambia, were keen to observe and learn more about CARTA and discuss opportunities for partnership. Participants, including the secretariat, reviewed achievements and activities over the past year, discussed challenges and how to address or respond to them. The program's financial reports and guidelines on participation of PhD fellows from Non-African partner institutions and non-consortium institutions in CARTA activities were tabled and discussed. The convening was also an avenue for the selection of Cohort 10 fellows who were recommended to the Board of Management meeting, the next day for their approval.

The final meeting was the 20th Board of Management and Funders on September 20, whose main agenda was a reflection on CARTA's funding strategies and priority areas. The board agreed on guidelines on the participation of PhD fellows from Non-African partner institutions and non-consortium institutions in CARTA activities and approved the digitization of the JASes by a consultant and will be presented in a mixed format of videos and website. In addition, a distinct feature of the approved CARTA 2020 Calendar of Events will be the CARTA 10 years Scientific Conference to be held at APHRC in September 2020. Finally, the recruitment of 25 out of 67 CARTA Cohort 10 nominees fellows was sanctioned. The selected fellows constituted 60 per cent women and 40 per cent men. **c**



Joint Advanced Seminar 2 in South Africa



CARTA was at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa for the annual month-long Joint Advanced Seminar 2 from November 4-28. Twenty-three (23) Cohort nine fellows had an opportunity to learn how to use software packages for qualitative and quantitative data management and analyses. Florah Karimi and Marta Vicente-Crespo represented the secretariat. Annie Holmes, a digitization consultant, attended the JAS as part of the pilot to digitize CARTA modules. She recorded interviews and sections of the training that will serve as materials for the digitized CARTA curriculum materials.

In the last week of the JAS, CARTA hosted a Supervisors' Workshop at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa for Cohort 9 fellows' first supervisors from November 21-27. The Workshop provided 23 supervisors with a clear understanding of and commitment to the goals of the CARTA program. The Workshop of peers also afforded the supervisors an opportunity for collegial discussion of best practices in doctoral supervision and mentoring. Nine CARTA graduates were also invited to the training to enhance their capacity to supervise postgraduate students. **C**

Former CARTA Director conferred honorary degree by the University of Ibadan



Alex Ezeh, APHRC Emeritus Executive Director, was conferred the Honorary Degree of Science, D. Sc., from his Alma Mater on November 18, 2019. He was one of five eminent Nigerians conferred with honorary degrees during the institutions 71st Foundation Day and Convocation of 343 PhD graduands. Dr Ezeh is the Dornsife Professor of Global Health, Drexel University, Philadelphia, Honorary Professor of Public Health, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre for Global Development, Washington, DC. **C**

New focal persons

Olayinka Donald Otuyemi & Ojo Melvin Agunbiade



Prof. Eyitope Ogunbodede, Vice-Chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) in Ile-Ife, Nigeria has appointed two new CARTA focal persons.

Olayinka Donald Otuyemi (College of Health Sciences) [left] and Ojo Melvin Agunbiade (CARTA fellow Cohort Three and graduate) [right] assumed their new roles from August 1, 2019. The two replace Mabayoje Aluko and Olapeju Esimai to whom we are grateful for their dedication. **C**

Tribute to Prof. Bo Eriksson

CARTA would like to express immense sadness at the tremendous loss of one of our Joint Advanced Seminar (JAS) 3, facilitator, Prof. Bo Eriksson from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. He died in his sleep—aged 77—on November 25, 2019 following a short period of illness.



"There are generations of scientists in many countries who owe their academic success, particularly in statistics to Bo. Recently, much of his endeavor was focused on CARTA, where he has facilitated at many of the JASes throughout the program," Göran Bondjers, University of Gothenburg Focal person said of Prof. Eriksson.


"We are going to miss Bo, with his wisdom, his humor and his generosity," Prof. Bondjers said.

CARTA Co-director, Sharon Fonn said: "His contribution cannot be overstated. He was a gentleman in every way. He took students so seriously and his response to their questions was always a combination of statistics and philosophy – something that really good statisticians always do. He expected everyone to be capable of a higher level of analysis – he treated everyone with respect. My life was enriched by knowing Bo."

His funeral will be held at a church in Bo's home town, Vänersborgs kyrka, Kyrkogatan 26, 462 30 Vänersborg, Sweden, on January 2, 2020. **C**




CARTA Joint Advanced Seminar 3 at the University of Ibadan

Twenty-three fellows from cohorts five, six, and seven were at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, for the month-long Joint Advanced Seminar (JAS) 3. The JAS ran from July 29- August 24. Thirty-eight facilitators supported the doctoral fellows to analyze and write up their thesis and manuscripts for submission. The fellows also participated in daily scientific debate sessions also known as Scientific Blitz. On August 20, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lagos Prof. Folashade Ogunsola delivered a public lecture themed 'Africa Rising: Harnessing the Power of Disruptive technologies to Bridge the Development Divide in Health.' 




CARTA fellows in Senegal for the DELTAS Africa Scientific Conference and women in science forum

CARTA was well represented at the Developing Excellence in Leadership, Training, and Science (DELTAS) Africa Annual General Meeting in Dakar, Senegal from July 15-18. Eleven of our fellows showcased their ground-breaking doctoral research that is reducing Africa's disease burden and creating healthier communities. Some of the fellow's work was quoted in a South African Broadcasting Corporation's news article. The fellows were: Esther Clyde Nabakwe and Dieudonne Uwizeye (Cohort One); Diana Menya (Cohort Two); Save Kumwenda, Kato Charles Drago, and Adesola Oluwafunmilola Olumide (Cohort Three); Dube Nkosiya (Cohort Four); Mbada Kikelomo Aboyowa (Cohort Five), and Somefun Oluwaseyi Dolapo, Khumbo Kalulu and Chimwemwe Kwanjo Banda (Cohort Six). CARTA's Catherine Kyobutungi, Eunice Kilonzo, Florah Karimi, and Marta Vicente-Crespo also attended the three-day meeting hosted by the African Academy of Sciences.

Afterwards, the women researchers attended a two-day Global Forum for Women in Science and Research Conference (GoFoWISER) that brought together women in science and research from across the globe to discuss science, mentorship, and their professional development. 

APHRC Cancer Symposium

Marta Vicente-Crespo and Florah Karimi participated in the APHRC Cancer Symposium on November 11 attended by over 80 researchers. The participants were drawn from KEMRI, local universities, policymakers, ministry of health officials, civil society groups, research funders, and early-career scientists. The symposium discussed the role of research in informing cancer-related policies and interventions across Kenya. 



Launched: Ulwazi training and residential facility

Exactly 362 days since the ground breaking for the training center in November 11, APHRC launched the Ulwazi Training and Residential Facility in Kitusuru, Nairobi, Kenya. Ulwazi, knowledge in isiZulu or Ndebele, provides facilities and a restaurant ideal for business meetings, product launch functions or seminars and can hold up to 40 delegates. The new building has two one-bedroom apartments, eight studio apartments and 22 standard hotel rooms. CARTA Co-Director Catherine Kyobutungi, also APHRC's Executive Director, said Ulwazi is "the place where big dreams will be nurtured and big ideas will be born."

"This facility is the first of 3 phases and for now complements our existing training facilities. The development of the next 2 phases is a dream we will pursue as vigorously as training the remaining 800 PhD holders in the CARTA program. We will count on your support, financial and otherwise to actualize this dream. From a symbolic perspective, the Ulwazi Place signifies our long-term commitment to the future of this continent. That lives will be transformed, one paper, one brief, one researcher, one expert, one policy, one program at a time."

Kenya's Deputy Vice President, William Ruto, graced the occasion as the guest of honor and unveiled the facility. In his remarks, he applauded APHRC for the achievement noting that "the training facility will contribute to ensuring that more Africans get high-quality research training that will ultimately uplift other Africans through innovations and policy impact." **C**



Deputy President William Ruto plants a tree at Uliwazi place



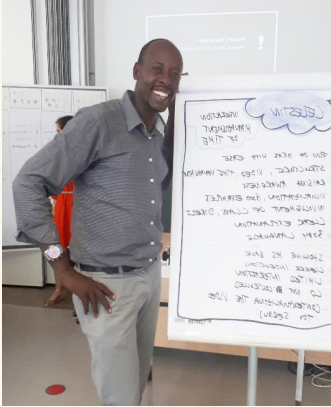
Catherine Kyobutungi shares a moment with Deputy President William Ruto



One of the rooms




APHRC board with the Deputy President next to the new facility




Celestin in Germany for summer school

Cohort Seven Fellow, Celestin Banamwana from Makerere University attended the Summer School on enhancing Learning and Teaching in Public Health at Heidelberg University, Germany from September 1-4. Some of the modules he took included cross-cultural competence, teaching and learning methodology (participatory approaches), writing a research proposal, ethical considerations as well as writing research grants.

The participants were DAAD-sponsored scholars including CARTA-DAAD PhD students. He presented the progress of his doctoral studies and his experiences as a CARTA fellow. From the skills at the training, he has prepared teaching materials on the One Health concept and has applied diverse teaching methods and approaches in teaching the course. 

Beatrice interns in the US, presents research in Mexico

Cohort Six Fellow, Beatrice Maina from the University of the Witwatersrand was an intern, from September 30 to October 10, at the University of Southern California Institute on Inequalities in Global Health. She also attended the 24th Congress of the World Association for Sexual Health in Mexico from October 12 - 15 where she gave two oral presentations on i) Sexual health knowledge and behaviours of young adolescent boys in a resource-poor urban setting in Nairobi, Kenya and; ii) Gendered beliefs and sexual behaviours of young male adolescents in urban informal settlements, Kenya. Beatrice also co-chaired a session on sexual rights and ethics. 



Three fellows secure Community and Public Engagement funds


Three of our fellows were in Nairobi, Kenya from August 28-30 for the DELTAS Africa Community and Public Engagement (CPE) Seed Fund Induction meeting.

Adesola Olumide (Cohort Three), Adebolajo Adeyemo (Cohort Two) from the University of Ibadan and Respius Shumbusho (Cohort Four) University of Dar es Salaam are three of the 13 grantees to receive funding from the competitive seed fund that had over 90 applications. The DELTAS Africa CPE seed grants are designed to encourage a two-way dialogue to bridge the gap between our researchers and communities for the benefit of research and for better research outcomes and impact. 



Emmanuel wins prestigious international fellowship

Cohort Five Fellow, Emmanuel Kaindoa, from the Ifakara Health Institute won the NIHR-Wellcome Partnership for Global Health Research International Training Fellowship. As part of the £343,006 (USD\$ 419 153.332) grant spread out over 36 months, he will carry out a project titled: **'Using crowdsourcing to identify, characterize and target swarms of *Anopheles funestus* mosquitoes in rural Tanzania.'**

The award began on September 1, 2019, is jointly funded by Wellcome and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), through the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) (using the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) Funding). Commenting on the award, Kaindoa said: "It was a long process which involved submitting a preliminary application, full application and [an] interview. I'm happy I managed to pass all the steps and I thank CARTA for preparing me to go through [the] grant writing process." He is a graduate of the University of the Witwatersrand and as part of his doctoral research on the *Anopheles funestus* mosquitoes, in 2017, the Ifakara Health Institute has initiated two major research initiatives funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The funding was based on the findings that showed that nearly 9 in every 10 new malaria infections in rural Tanzania is transmitted by the specific mosquito species. 

Catherine attends Summer School on Reproductive Health and Rights in Belgium



Catherine Kafu (second from the right on the panel), our Cohort Eight fellow, was one of 21 participants of the Reproductive Health and Rights Summer

School at Ghent University in Belgium. The residential course, hosted by the Faculty of Medicine, brought together 14 nationalities from July 7 to 18, 2019. She describes her time at the school as being “intriguing and mind-provoking” given that the discussions ranged from transgender issues, uterus transportation, mental health, family planning, use of human egg cells, abortion, as well as rights of surrogacy and In vitro fertilization (IVF).

“The abortion lecture was the most remarkable as it fit with my research interests and underscored the timeliness of my PhD topic,” she said. Her PhD examines the role of media in abortion discourse among adolescents in Kenya. She adds that the diverse discussions dug into ‘the shift from pro-life and/or pro-choice to pro-voice’, an area she is keen on conducting research. In addition to the intensive sessions, she also visited Bruges city, one of Europe’s best preserved cities and had an international cooking event where each participant prepared their local meal and shared with others attending the summer school. **C**



Funmilola goes to Essex

Funmilola Oyinlola, Cohort Seven from Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria participated in a summer course on Multilevel Analysis in Essex, London from July 8-19, 2019. “It was indeed a great time learning at such workshop. I learnt that we should be diversified in our thinking because people see things from a different perspective, which could differ from yours. Be humble and willing to learn. **C**

Uwizeye speaks at Urban Health conference in China

Uwizeye Dieudonne Cohort One from the University of Rwanda and currently a Postdoctoral fellow at APHRC won a scholarship to the 16th International Conference on Urban Health. The convening was held in November 4-8, 2019 in Xiamen, China.

Uwizeye received the award for his abstract “Illegality status shape access to livelihood and health status: Narrative from Kigali’s urban informal settlements in Rwanda” that had been accepted for an oral presentation. The \$2,000 scholarship covered the conference registration fees, accommodation, and flights. **C**



Diana in Mozambique

Cohort Two fellow Diana Menya from Moi University, Kenya made three presentations at the African Organization for Research & Training in Cancer in Maputo, Mozambique from November 5-8. She discussed the association of oral health with risk of oesophageal cancer in Kenya. The conference brought together multidisciplinary specialists from the global cancer community to reduce the impact of cancer in Africa. She was supported by the France-based International Agency for Research in Cancer. **C**



CARTA Graduates

Cohort One (20)



Cohort Two (13)



Cohort Three (17)



Cohort Four (15)



1st Line below: Andrew Tamale, Modupe Taiwo, Mapayi Boladale Moyosore, Ayodele John Alonge, Grace Wambura Mbuthia, Mohamed Kassim, Dube Nkosiyaizi, Damian Respicius Shumbusho and Zakumumpa Henry.

1st Line above: Joel Magutah Karani, Sunday Joseph Ayamolowo, Sara Jewett Nieuwoudt, Michael Mbithi Mutua, Irene Richard Moshi and Admire Takuranhamo Chikandiwa.

Cohort Five (9)



1st Line from left: Esther Afolabi, Kikelomo Aboyowa Mbada, Felix Khuluza, Fred Maniragaba, Cheikh Faye, Emmanuel Kaindoa, Maria Chifuniro Chikalipo, Jepchirchir Kiplagat and Celestin Ndikumana.

Cohort Six (9)



1st Line from left: Nomfundo Floweret Moroe, John Olugbenga Abe, Kolawole Taofeek Aliyu, Kudus Adebayo, Oladapo Somefun, Omobolanle Anuoluwapo Olajubu, Macellina Yinyinade Ijadunola and Olivia Millicent Awino Osiro.

Cohort Seven (2)



1st Line from left: Funmilola Folasade Oyinlola and Olufemi Adetutu.

Gender distribution of CARTA Graduates



47
Male



38
Female

CALENDAR of events



Ibadan, Nigeria
August 3-28, 2020
JAS 3 Cohort 8

Witwatersrand, South Africa

November 2-26, 2020
JAS 2 Cohort 10

November 19-25, 2020
Supervisor's Training

Kampala, Uganda

March 2-26, 2020
JAS 1 Cohort 10 &
JAS 4 Cohort 7

March 26, 2020
21st CARTA Board of
Management Meeting

Nairobi, Kenya

February 10-15, 2020
Graduate Workshop/ Writing
retreat

Sept 21, 2020
4th Focal Persons Forum

Sept 22-23, 2020
11th CARTA Partners' Annual
Forum

Sept 24, 2020
22nd CARTA Board of
Management and Funders'
Meetings

Sept 25-26, 2020
CARTA 10 Years Scientific
Conference

TBC

**June 22-25,
2020**
Faculty and
Administrators
Workshop

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