



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

COVAB SEMINAR SERIES



SAFER PLANET, PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES

Date: 25 April 2019 Starting time: 2:00pm

Venue: Media Hall, Level 2 Room 201 COVAB Main Block

Topic: USDA Faculty Exchange Program 2018: experiences and lessons learned

Speaker: Dr. Sam G. Okech
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Session chairman: Assoc. Prof. Samuel Majaliya, Deputy Principal COVAB

Brief overview

COVAB has been participating in the USDA Faculty Exchange Program (FEP) since 2016 and has so far had a total of five academic staff go through it. Dr. Okech is one of those who participated in 2018. He will be sharing with the entire college his experiences and key lessons learned from his visit to the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University in the US. He will also suggest some of the practices that COVAB could consider improving or adopting (at individual, departmental, school or college level) in the areas of teaching, research and outreach for the good of the university, nation and global network of veterinary medicine.

About FEP

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Faculty Exchange Program (FEP), takes educators from Colleges of Veterinary Medicine to the United States for 4.5 months (one semester) to increase their knowledge of, and ability to teach and perform research in veterinary medicine and science. The goal of the program is to promote the development of sound science policy, teaching and research techniques in Veterinary Medicine.

Increasing the number of veterinary teachers in Africa who have a well-rounded view of current veterinary medicine issues and who can perform research using the latest methods and standards, increasing the number of people who can teach and create educational materials in veterinary medicine, and increasing the number of people with the mind-set to adapt to current conditions is critical to the formulation and implementation of sound policy and improved animal health, increased animal production and trade in Africa."