

# RSIF Training Workshop: Information Literacy & Reference Management

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**2021**

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# About the Information Literacy and Reference Management training workshop

The RSIF Information Literacy and Reference Management training workshop is designed to help researchers, including PhD students, acquire intellectual, critical and logical skills to determine needed information; access or locate that information fast; evaluate the information and use effectively and efficiently the retrieved information.

The workshop includes engaging participants in practical activities in developing search strategies, using reference management tools and identifying credible publishing platforms.

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# Meet the Trainers



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**Lead trainer**



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# Meet the Co-trainers



**Dickens Rodrigues Wendo**  
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**Miriam Ndungu**  
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## **Mary Ngure - Lead trainer**

is the Information Resource Centre (IRC) Coordinator at *icipe*. She holds an MSc Management and Information Systems from the University of Manchester (UK), BSc Computer Science from Kenyatta University, and certification in Records Management from the International Council on Archives (ICA). Prior to joining *icipe*, she worked at United States International University - Africa (USIU - Africa) and Aga Khan University, Nairobi (AKU) in charge of Library Systems and Archives.

Mary is passionate about digital libraries; instructional design; information literacy; and information systems management. She has published three peer reviewed papers on institutional repositories and open government data. She is a member of the Information Literacy Special group for International Association of University Libraries (IATUL) and a standing committee member of The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) - Academic and Research Libraries section.

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## **Bonface Nyagah- Workshop Administrator**

is the Capacity Building Officer for RSIF.

He implements the RSIF Capacity Building Strategy which constitutes of a program to provide RSIF scholars with training that prepares and orients them for an academic career and enables excellent PhD research, successful completion of the doctoral degree and enhances post-PhD employability. Additionally, he is the Grievances Focal Person for the RSIF project and leads international accreditation of the host universities.

Prior to joining *icipe*, Bonface was working with German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD Regional Office for Africa as a Programme Officer for the Post- Graduate Scholarship Programme in Eastern Africa. He has also worked as a consultant at the International Livestock Research Institute, ILRI as a Consultant for the Capacity Development Unit.

Bonface has experience in tendering, selection and contracting of trainers and training service providers. He is a seasoned training and programme coordinator with rich experiences in preparation and implementation of capacity building strategies, training budgets and monitoring.



## **Bonface Nyagah- Workshop Administrator**

Presently he is pursuing a Master's in Development Studies. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Leadership and Management-Double Major in Public Administration and Management of Non-Profit Organizations.

Additionally, he holds a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering-Production Option from Kenya Polytechnic (present day Technical University of Kenya). He is a trained certified life coach and mentor.

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## **Dickens Rodrigues Wendo - Co-trainer**

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His research areas include Digital Librarianship, Digital Literacy, Knowledge Management, Organizational Development and Consulting; Transformational Leadership and Management of Change. Dickens has attended and presented at numerous conferences. He is a recipient of AfLIA /INASP Leadership Programme that was in Accra, Ghana on 27th - 29th May 2015.

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### **Mrs Ekpolomo, Onyebuchi - Co-trainer**

is a professional Librarian with over thirteen (13) years work experience at African University of Science and Technology in Abuja, Nigeria. She started as a Research and circulation Librarian and currently serves as the Head of Library Services. She is a team leader. Her roles include (but not limited to) providing research support to students, organizing information literacy trainings, responsible for collection development, negotiating with library vendors and publishers, and library management.

She has, at different times managed the African Development Bank Library projects worth thousands of dollars that includes purchase of library equipment and information materials.

She is a member of the University Senate, Academic and Management Committees where informed decisions are made to achieve both academic and administrative goals. Her first paper review was for an International Journal affiliated to Digital Commons.



### **Mrs Ekpolomo, Onyebuchi - Co-trainer**

She has jointly written a paper on Information Resource preferences by postgraduate students and her research interests are library management, information literacy, rebranding library services to sustain productive patronage, ICT applications in library, research support and information preservation.

She initiated the setting up and use of a Library management system using Koha (open source software), an Institutional Repository (IR) using DSpace for long term preservation of intellectual outputs, created and manage the University library's social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter), increased electronic resources collection from five databases in 2009 to over twenty-five databases (especially during the lockdown period of the Covid-19 pandemic), and introduced the use of Mendeley reference manager.

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### **Miriam Ndungu - Co-trainer**

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Miriam has published 6 papers in high impact journals that are indexed in Scopus. Her publications have a citation metric of 33.



## **Miriam Ndungu - Co-trainer**

Miriam is passionate about information literacy, scholarly journal publishing, best practices in publishing, research support services, , journal metrics, , institutional repositories, websites, Online Journal Systems (OJS) and scholar online profiles and visibility

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## **Mr. Richard K. Koech - Co-trainer | RSIF Cohort 1 Scholar**

holds a MSc. Degree in Physics (Renewable energy) and is a final year PhD student in the department of material science and engineering at African University of Science and Technology (AUST) in Abuja, Nigeria. He is currently a visiting scholar in the department of mechanical engineering in Worcester Polytechnic Institute under the PASET-RSIF sandwich program.

His research interest is on materials characterization for applications in solar cells, Light emitting diodes and energy storage devices. As his PhD research, Mr Koech is working on the effects of doping/additives on the optoelectronic properties and performance metrics of Formamidinium-Rich mixed halide perovskite solar cell.

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### **Aggrey Luyiya Elegwa - Co-trainer**

is a Librarian at University of Nairobi's Graduate Research Library. Prior to this, Aggrey served as a Senior Library Assistant at the United States International University Library for 8 years.

He Holds a Bachelors Degree in Library and Information Science, and currently doing his Masters Degree at the University of Nairobi. His strength lies in Training of library users on research related activities.

He has published one research paper; "Factors influencing collection development process at the University of Nairobi Library" published in Library Management Journal in 0 June 2021, and available on Emerald Insight at: <https://www.emerald.com/insight/0143-5124.htm>.

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### **Merceline Obwaya - Co-trainer**

is a Librarian at the Kenyatta University with 6+ years of experience in librarianship. She is part of a team that is involved in digitization of information resources and management of the Kenyatta University Repository. She is Skilled in research support services such reference management softwares, plagiarism check and literature search.

Merceline is actively involved in information literacy training within and outside the University. She is the Mendeley ambassador in Kenyatta University and was named the Mendeley advisor of the month for October, 2019. She is passionate about providing timely and quality services to the community she serves.

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