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## ACADEMIC WRITING CAPACITY BUILDING IN URBAN MOBILITY AND ACCESS IN SUB SAHARAN AFRICA (AWCAB-URBAN MOBILITY) II

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

#### Background and Rationale

Are you an Early Career Researcher in sustainable urban transport and mobilities in Africa? Would you like more help to publish your research work and learn how to do this from international experts in the field? Are you willing to join and collaborate with other researchers who also want to gain this unique learning experience? Then this Academic Writing Capacity Building in Urban Mobility and Access in Sub Saharan Africa (AWCaB-Urban Mobility) training course, which is fully funded by the Volvo Research and Educational Foundations, is for you. The course aims to build the capacity of Early Career Researchers in SSA (*who have zero draft manuscripts*) to prepare and take up more prominent authorship roles in urban transport and mobility as well as publish their papers in credible international outlets.

#### Expected Benefits/Outcomes

The course will increase participants' knowledge of contemporary theoretical and conceptual issues in Urban Transport and Mobility.

By the end of the course, you will be able to:

1. Identify and explain the different types of academic outputs amenable to your study/data (original research, review, opinion, perspectives and commentaries, letters to the editor etc) and identify suitable outlets for these outputs;
2. Understand the publication requirements of different journals and how to tailor your writing to suit the focus, scope and standards of the different journals;
3. Undertake academic writing tasks using competences in descriptive, analytical, persuasive, and critical writing;
4. Outline and explain the manuscript preparation process (writing the abstracts, introduction, methods, discussion, conclusion and references sections as well as publication ethics); and
5. Draft a manuscript acceptable for review in credible international outlets.

#### Course syllabus

The overall agenda will cover the full details of the publication process that comprises completing your research; preparation and submission of manuscripts; the review processes; publications; and how to deal with revisions and rejections.

## **Pedagogic approaches**

The course delivery will be completely in virtual interactive mode using the Zoom web platform and in the English language. Facilitation/presentation will be interactive and interspersed with group discussions. Experienced scholars will mentor participants and support them to prepare their manuscripts. All the course modules will include verbal and online evaluations.

## **Target group/eligibility**

This course is designed for a maximum of 15 participants who are based in sub-Saharan Africa. These will comprise:

1. Advanced Masters and Doctoral students in transport and mobilities-related programmes;
2. Early Career Researchers in transport geography who completed their PhD in or after 2019; and
3. Have a zero-draft manuscript which should not be more than 25 pages excluding references.

Course participants should be:

1. Ready and available to participate in all the 10-day course sessions which will be delivered in September and October, 2023; and
2. Willing to be mentored in writing a manuscript for publication in a credible international publication outlet.

Women are particularly encouraged to apply in recognition of their reduced participation in the African context.

## **Resource Persons**

The facilitators and mentors are an experienced team of international transport geographers comprising:

- Dr. (Mrs.) Regina Amoako-Sakyi-University of Cape Coast, Ghana  
<https://directory.ucc.edu.gh/p/regina-obilie-amoako-sakyi>
- Prof. Marianne Vandershuren, University of Cape Town, South Africa  
<http://www.civil.uct.ac.za/marianne-vanderschuren>
- Prof. Albert M. Abane, University of Cape Coast, Ghana  
<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=aksIVi0AAAAJ&hl=en>
- Prof. Gina Porter, Durham University, United Kingdom  
<https://www.durham.ac.uk/staff/r-e-porter/>
- Dr Tanu Priya Uteng, Institute of Transport Economics TØI, Norway  
<https://www.toi.no/staff/uteng-tanu-priya-article32586-27.html>

- Prof. Karen Lucas, Manchester University, United Kingdom  
<https://www.research.manchester.ac.uk/portal/karen.lucas.html>
- Dr. Samuel Asiedu Owusu – University of Cape Coast, Ghana  
<https://directory.ucc.edu.gh/p/samuel-asiedu-owusu>
- Ms. Emma Tsoneva: Manchester University, United Kingdom
- Dr. Jack Jenkins, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, Durham University, United Kingdom  
<https://www.durham.ac.uk/staff/jack-jenkins/>

### **Timeframe**

The specific activities are as follows:

- Call for applications: 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 to 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.
- Selected participants notified: 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.
- Course delivery: September (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>) and October (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>), 2023.
- Mentorship and manuscript development with supervisor will commence on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.
- Special International Network for Transport and Accessibility in Low Income Communities (INTALInC) webinar to disseminate findings will be in October, 2023.

### **Certification**

Certificates will be awarded to successful participants.

### **How to apply**

Kindly follow the instructions, fill and submit the application form on or before 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 using this link:

<https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/R5vCXFAI>

For further inquiries, send an email to [sowusu@ucc.edu.gh](mailto:sowusu@ucc.edu.gh) or [amoako-sakyi@ucc.edu.gh](mailto:amoako-sakyi@ucc.edu.gh)