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The NAME participant

XXXX University

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Dear Mr./ Ms/Mrs.....,

PARTICIPATION IN THE TRAINING OF DATACITE & OPEN SCHOLARSHIP CADRES FOR UGANDA

Congratulations on being selected by your institution to participate in the training workshop for DataCite and Open Scholarship Cadres for Uganda scheduled for Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024. All of us here at Busitema University are excited that you will be joining us for the Training of Trainers Workshop this May 2024 that you're invited to participate.

The DataCite and Open Scholarship workshop is organised by Busitema University Library with support from DataCite's Global Access Fund (GAF). The Global Access Fund (GAF) was established to enable communities worldwide to make their research outputs discoverable. In this project: "*Building a cohort of open scholarship trainers to boost adoption of DataCite open infrastructure services among the Consortium of Uganda University Libraries*" Busitema University Library has developed and will deliver a five-day training of trainers' workshop to a cohort of librarians, ICT professionals, and research administrators selected from 76 Consortium of Uganda University Libraries members. The project aims to ignite a countrywide conversation on the benefits of open scholarship and open science and to increase awareness for integrating DataCite infrastructure services to make research discoverable.

By the end this project, you will be expected to be able to:

- a) Communicate to their institutional administrators why libraries and their institutions cannot afford to ignore implementing institutional repositories to make their research outputs open;
- b) Explain how to go about using open infrastructure and services like Dspace and DataCite tools to make their research outputs open and discoverable;
- c) Understand how to teach and train librarians, ICT professionals, and research administrators to implement DataCite research discovery and exploration tools and services like DOIs, metadata, APIs in their institutional repositories;
- d) Become confident and have the knowledge to deal with difficult questions about making research outputs open and discoverable;
- e) Be able to plan institutional repository and DataCite training activities and be aware of the best practices in training design for online, face-to-face and hybrid events;
- f) Understand how to work with diverse audiences especially institutional administrators to attract funding towards DataCite activities;
- g) Know how to evaluate the impact of the training and implementing institutional repositories and DataCite open infrastructure and services.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you for this workshop. As part of your preparation, please take note of the following:

1. All workshop expenses including participant transport to and from Busitema (public transport rates), accommodation, feedings, all workshop materials including stationary, internet WiFi and power shall be provided for by Busitema University;
2. Official arrival date is Sunday May 26th 2024 at the Hotel – the name of the hotel and other details shall be communicated to you later – please confirm your telephone number and e-mail address in your acceptance letter;
3. This will be a highly practical workshop thus you're expected to call a laptop – Not a Smartphone

4. This is a five (5) day residential workshop at Busitema University, Busitema Campus, 188 km along Kampala – Malaba Road, Busitema County, Busia District. More information about the training venue and activities will be shared with be shared with you at a later date.

Looking forward to seeing you in May 2024 t and don't hesitate to reach the undersigned for any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Fredrick Kiwuwa Lugya (Ph.D.)
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