



2022 Annual Report

The Centre for African Research, Engagement and Partnerships (CAREP) is progressing well and looking forward to build on past successes and new opportunities to deepen the University of Newcastle (UON) and Africa relationships in 2023.

RESEARCH

Members of the CARE-P led by Emeritus Professor Jim Jose and Dr Patricia Johnson are considering an application to the DFAT's Australia Fellowship Awards round 18 for an opportunity to reconnect past relationships and build on past success projects in public service across the Southern and Eastern African countries including Botswana and Kenya.

The announcements of the Australian government about building more skills through Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) and for youth employment has re-ignited interest in CARE-P's TVET project. The CARE-P TVET team is exploring pathways to deepen relationships and strengthen the flow of students from Africa through TAFE to the University of Newcastle.

The CARE-P/CIFAL Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) project (about \$1.2 M) on **Cervical cancer screening intervention** in Eswatini is progressing well. The project achieved ethical clearance and is undergoing other managerial organisations and clearances which will hopefully lead to implementation in 2023. Laurate Professor Rob Sanson-Fisher is leading the project over 2021 to 2025/26.

Curtin University of Technology in Perth WA is the new host of our multi- institutional Australian Research Council's (ARC) Discovery Project (\$435,304) on "**The Political and Economic Agency of Africans in Australia**". The change in host institution from the University of Western Australia (UWA) to Curtin University together with movements by some of the chief investigators to new institutions have delayed the signing of the multi-institutional agreement forms and the start of this project. The project's lead investigator Prof. Farida Fozdar, the Africa Research Centre (AfREC) and the Director of AfREC Dr David Mickler have all moved from UWA to Curtin University of Technology. AfREC is upscaled to GLOBAL Africa at Curtin and David is the Dean of GLOBAL Africa at Curtin. The project is to be conducted over 4 years.

ENGAGEMENTS


Strengthening bonds with our African Diplomats

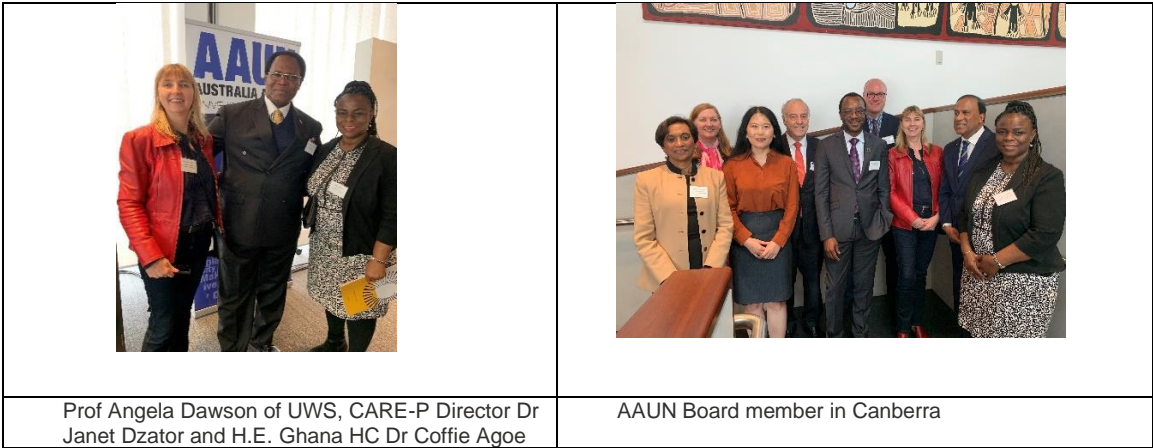
1. CARE-P farewelled Her Excellency (H.E.) Professor Joyce Kikafunda in June 2022. H.E. Professor Joyce Kikafunda delivered the inaugural speech when CARE-P was launched in November 2019. Dr Janet Dzator was invited to the Farewell ceremony. Dr Dzator presented a gift signed by on behalf of the University of Newcastle, the VC and President (Prof Alex Zelinsky, the DVC GLOBAL (Prof Kent Anderson) and CARE-P. The gift which is a photo of H.E. at the CARE-P launch was signed by Prof Alex Zelinsky.



Photos of Uganda High Commissioner H.E. Prof Joyce Kikafunda's farewell in Canberra, June 2022

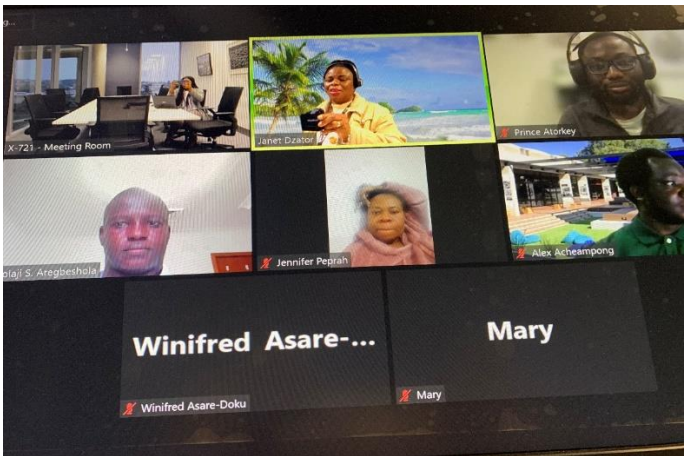
2. Dr Janet Dzator represented the UON and CARE-P at the 10th Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN) Annual general meeting (AGM) and forum in Canberra. This is the first forum after Covid-19. This first face-to-face meeting after Covid offered a great opportunity to deliberate with representatives from governments and universities across Australia, Africa, the Indo- Pacific and Commonwealth universities on future problems and collaboration strategies. There were presentations on university, industry and government approaches which could be considered in seeking solutions to "wicked" problems of our time. Photos below show some of the AAUN executive board members, government representatives and other stakeholders at the Canberra AGM.

	
<p>JD with ACU CEO, NRF-SA Dir & ACIAR Dir</p>	<p>JD with GLOBAL Africa Dir Dr David Mickler and DFAT Rep</p>



Conference/workshop

CARE-P launched Africa Alumni talks to inspire our Alumni collaborations. We had two lively and insightful talks and discussions, and plans are under way for more in 2023.



Africa Day Celebrations, 2022

CARE-P partnered with the Hunter African Community Council (HACC) to celebrate Africa Day with our Hunter and Central Coast communities. Africa Day celebration in pictures below.



Hunter Business groups supporting migrants





Joyful celebrations



Mixing with the HACC presidents Farida and other executives

CAPACITY BUILDING

Many students of our African PhD students have completed their program and many more are living in Australia. CARE-P is building a network of these alumni and working to recruit as much alumni as possible to build leadership capacity in all fields or areas for future work on Australia Africa sustainable development.

CARE-P BUDGET AND SPENDING IN 2022

CARE-P received an amount of \$20,000.00 in May 2022 from its parent unit UON/GLOBAL towards the Centre's activities. The amount received was used to pay for the University's annual subscription to the Australia African Universities Network (\$11,000 including GST). The UON is connected to AANU through CARE-P.

There were two CARE-P two related travels (\$3,343.03) in 2022. The first travel in June was to visit four African Embassies in Canberra (Ghana, Kenya, Uganda and Morocco) to deepen relationships and to represent the University of Newcastle at a farewell ceremony for Her Excellency (H.E.) Professor Joyce Kikafunda. H.E. Professor Kikafunda is the previous Ugandan Ambassador to Australia. She opened CARE-P in November 2019 on behalf of African governments. A gift was presented to the Ambassador on behalf of the UON (Vice Chancellor and President Professor Alex Zelinsky, Deputy Vice Chancellor-GLOBAL Professor Kent Anderson, and CARE-P). The second travel in October was to attend the AAUN annual general meeting and forum. The first face-to-face meeting offered a great opportunity to deliberate with representatives from governments and universities across Australian, African, Indo Pacific and Commonwealth universities of the organisation since covid pandemic

CARE-P has contracted the services of a research assistant for about one week (43 hours) to build data and literature on projects aligning with UON future strategies but also correlating with AAUN themes to direct the Centres future activities (\$2500). The current AAUN research theme is SECURITY with five domains as follows.

- (i) Environment and Agriculture
- (ii) Food and Nutrition
- (iii) Health and diseases
- (iv) Education, Employment and Economic Development.
- (v) Hard Security in migration, terrorism, trafficking, cybercrime, corruption and societal destabilization.

CARE-P moved to IDC-127 and require some storage units to pack items. A Maximo request was made, and a storage cupboard is ordered but not yet delivered (\$1617).

Some office supplies including one hard drive, usb, pens, pencils, folders, notebooks, etc. were bought at a cost of \$168.75.

The total amount spend was \$18719.78 leaving a balance of \$1280.22. The summary of CARE-P's spending is shown in the Table 1 below.

Table 1. Summary of CARE-P spending

Items	Amount (\$)
AAUN Subscription	11,000.00
Travels	3434.03
RA	2500.00
supplies	168.75
Storage unit	1617.00
Total	18719.78
Balance	1280.22

CONCLUSION

We thank the leaders of University of Newcastle, the UON/GLOBAL and all our partners, collaborators and members for their support, commitment, and contributions in 2022. We wish you all a refreshing and happy holiday.

Yours sincerely,



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