

AFRICA-US INTEGRATED DISEASE MANAGEMENT (AFRUS-IDM) PARTNERS' MEETING FOR CAPACITY BUILDING IN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES AND ZOOSES (CIMTRADZ) IN KAMPALA, UGANDA

The Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Prof. C.M. Mulei and Dr. D.W. Gakuya from the Department of Clinical Studies participated in this year's African- US Integrated Disease Management (AFRUS-IDM) partners meeting for capacity building in Integrated Management of Transboundary Animal Diseases and Zoonoses(CIMTRADZ) from 30th of June to 4th of July. The meeting was hosted by the College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Biosecurity, Makerere. There were representatives from partner African and U.S. Institutions, USAID missions, HED Washington DC, NGOS, and other stakeholders. The network provided a forum to discuss potential opportunities for collaboration in training and research. The meeting also included an international cultural Boma and conference, where the various African and U.S. institution presented their areas of possible collaboration in research and training. Dr. Gakuya presented the ongoing research in the faculty and the possible areas of collaboration in research and training. Students who attended the summer course in IDM also made their presentations together with Master students in the MSc in Integrated Management of Transboundary Animal Diseases and Zoonoses programme. Other stakeholders also made their presentation on various issues that included; innovations in curriculum development and training, biotechnology and diagnostics, animal production, food safety and security, gender issues and business development among others. Among the participants were 4 students from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in the University of Nairobi; Dr. Anne Waweru and Job Ronoh pursuing Masters degree programme in Veterinary Public Health under One Health Central and Eastern Africa (OHCEA) at Makerere University. Others included Dr. Moses Olum and Jamlick Bundi from the Department of Clinical Studies, University of Nairobi. In the regional Deans, node coordinators and partners meeting, the curriculum review for the Masters in IDM programme, its introduction to other Veterinary faculties in regional Universities and the future of CIMTRADZ were discussed.