

NM-AIST Marks another Milestone during the 2nd e-Government Annual Meeting
01st February, 2019



The Guest of Honour, Deputy Minister, President's Office Public Service Management and Good Governance, Hon. Dr. Mary Mwanjelwa (2nd Right) listening to a NM-AIST PhD candidate, Ms. Sarah Nyanjara during poster exhibitions session on 01st February, 2019 in Dodoma. On her left is the CEO of e-Government Agency (eGA), Dr. Jabiri Bakari and on her right is Dr. Maria Sasabo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication.

On 1st February, 2019; NM-AIST PhD candidate Ms. Sarah Nyanjara from the School of Computational and Communication Science and Engineering (CoCSE) presented her initial research results on poster session at the 2nd e-Government Annual Meeting held at University of Dodoma in Dodoma. Out of 10 research innovation posters from various universities in the country, her poster titled "Machine Learning Based Approach to Evaluate the Quality of Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Services in Developing Countries" was shortlisted for final presentation on the Research and Innovation day held on 2nd February, 2019.

The sub-theme of the research and innovation day meeting held on 02nd February, 2019 was "*Harnessing e-Government Research and Innovation in improving public service delivery*". The guest of honor, the Deputy Minister in the President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance, Hon. Dr. Mary Mwanjelwa asserted that our researches should have quick results and impact on addressing real problems in the

society. The CEO of eGA Dr. Jabir Bakari, added that, eGA is on final stages of establishing a Research and Innovation Center at the College of Informatics and Virtual Education at the University of Dodoma (UDOM-CIVE). The center will focus on developing innovative solutions for e-Services using students workforce during field attachments period. Keynote talks on Research and Innovation on ICT were issued by presenters from University of Dodoma, University of Dar es Salaam and COSTECH.

After being shortlisted, all the four researchers/innovators and all ten projects which participated in the poster session were awarded the certificate of participation. The meeting was concluded with a panel discussion on the future of ICT research and innovation for improved delivery of e-services.

About eGA

The e-Government Agency (eGA) held the first e-Government annual steering meeting 2015 in Arusha. The second annual meeting was held from 30th January to 02nd February, 2019 in Dodoma. With a running theme of *“Harmonization of ICT Resources for Industrial Development”*

The four days meeting sessions were in three groups:

1. ICT Directors, Head of ICT, Senior ICT, IT Officers and System Users
2. Permanent Secretaries, CEOs, Director Generals, Local Government Executive Directors
3. Research and Innovation

The major building blocks for e-Government implementation guided the discussions on the three groups. These blocks are: Policy, laws and regulations, e-Governance, Application systems, infrastructure, e-Services.

The goal of e-Government implementation is improved government revenue (i.e. tax collection). Researchers and innovators from different universities submitted abstracts and exhibited posters daily at the meeting. They included: University of Dar es Salaam, St Joseph University, Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST), Mbeya University of Science and Technology, University of Dodoma and Mzumbe University. It is incredible that although the NM-AIST was represented by one student and her supervisor, Dr. Dina Machuve; the efforts have been worth it for the visibility and contribution of NM-AIST.

As the institution is establishing environments for becoming a leading HLI in ICT related products and services, this is an eye opener and a sign of victory to our ICT workforce including academician and administrative staff that we can realize and contribute to this noble dream.