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AFRICAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE (ACE-ITLMS)

AUDIT REPORT ON REVENUES GENERATED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. PROJECTS BACKGROUND

University of Rwanda Centres of Excellence composed of African Centre of Excellence in Energy for Sustainable Development (ACE-ESD), African centre of Excellence in Internet of Things (UR-ACEIoT), African Centre of Excellence for Innovative Teaching and Learning Mathematics and Science(ACE-ITLMS) and The African Centre of Excellence for Data Sciences (ACE-DS) are 4 out of 24 centres initiated by the World Bank in Eastern and Southern Africa Higher Education Centres of Excellence Project (ACE II).

They are competitive loan won by the University of Rwanda-College Science and Technology (CST), College of Education (CE) and College of Business and Economics (CBE) respectively, on behalf of the Government of Rwanda to overcome the identified gaps in handling big data, bio informatics, data mining, reliability modelling, research design and evidence-based policy analysis through delivering postgraduate studies, organizing professional courses and promoting collaborative research in the Eastern and Southern Africa.

The main objective of this project is to establish and strengthen specialization and collaboration among a network of higher education institutions in the Eastern and Southern Africa region to deliver quality post graduate education and build corroborative research capacity in the regional priority area to address key development challenges facing the region.

1.2. OBJECTIVES

To strengthen selected Eastern and Southern African higher education institutions to deliver quality post-graduate education and build collaborative research capacity in the regional priority areas.

1.3. SOURCES OF FUNDING

University of Rwanda, Center's of Excellence are financed through credit Agreement no 5796-RW signed on 17th June 2016 between the Government of Rwanda and International Development Association. The credit is valued at 20 USD million for a period starting from 30 September 2016 to 31 December 2022, where funds allocated to ACE-ITLMS worth of USD 4.5 million for the period of 5 years.

Their funding mode is performance based whereby plans and achievements must be guided by the set indicators to lead to funds disbursement (Disbursement Linked Indicators and Disbursement Linked results).

1.4. STRUCTURE

The daily activities of the University of Rwanda African Centre of Excellence academic programs are coordinated by Directors while the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance, SPIU coordinator coordinate the Finance and administrative services of ACE-ITLMS.

1.5. RESPONSIBILITIES

1.5.1. Auditor's responsibility

Article 10 of Ministerial Order N° 003/17/10/TC Of 27/10/2017 setting out Regulations for Internal Audit and Audit Committees in Public Entities states that Internal Auditor must evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of controls of governance, operations and information systems; provide assurance to management and the Audit Committee on the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management process, provide appropriate recommendations for improving the governance process in accomplishment of its objectives; make recommendations to avoid waste and fraud and investigate the suspected fraud or irregularity; provide consulting services through training, support implementation of accounting systems, internal control documentation, risk management facilitation and other similar services on the request of management, Audit Committee or other high level authorities; communicate

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opportunities for improving management control, viability and sustainability of services or profitability identified during the audit to appropriate level of management.

1.5.2. Management responsibility

Article 19 of Organic Law No 12/2013 of 12/09/2013 on State Finances and Property requires the chief budget manager:

- To manage effectively, efficiently and in a transparent manner all the public funds for the public entity under his/her responsibility in accordance with relevant legal provisions;
- To establish and maintain effective, efficient and transparent systems of internal controls and risk management;
- To supervise and ensure proper use of public funds at the disposal of subsidiary entities under his/her responsibility.

1.6. AUDIT OBJECTIVE

The general objective of the audit was to review ACEITLMS financial documents, MoUs and report of generated revenues for the year ended December 2020, confirm the amount of revenues generated specific sources such from grants/research proposals, short courses training fees, and tuition fees.

1.7. SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

The audit exercise covered Center's starting period up to 31st December 2020.

1.8. AUDIT APPROACH

The following approaches have been used;

Documentations desk reviews and Interviews where applicable: we reviewed different documents and discussed with SPIU and ACEITLMS management, and Center different staff in order to produce revenue report;

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We have also performed audit procedures to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence in order to provide reasonable assurance that all revenues collected by ACEITLMS are properly recorded and reported in its books of accounts.;

2. DETAILED FINDINGS

2.1. REVIEW OF REVENUES GENERATED BY CENTER.

According to the Project Operational Manual (POM) as revised in January 2020, the Delivery Linked Result (DLR) 2.7 is mentioned as one of the resource mobilization approach and also indicator to be achieved before requesting the World Bank to disburse financial resources.

For the sustainability of the ACE-ITLMS, it is expected that the center will generate more funds to build their financial sustainability. The project also includes an indicator in the Results Framework, externally generated revenue, to monitor progress of fundraising made by the ACE-ITLMS under this project. It is in this framework that, there is a need of having specific collection account, which is different from the disbursement account (which is specific to the funds disbursed from World Bank). In order to make operations easier, the collection account shall be specific to each centre and be opened in one of national commercial banks. This account will be exclusively dedicated to collection of project funds. These funds shall include, but not limited to, school fees of students belonging to the concerned centre, administration fees, short-courses' fees, tuition fees from private candidates, fundraising funds, etc.

Further, it is stated that, the project will match US\$1 for every US\$1 raised from national sources, and US\$2 for every US\$1 raised from regional and international sources.

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3.1.1. Total amount of revenue generated by ACEITLMS end December, 2020

During the period under review of ACEITLMS Financial statement ended December 2020, we noted that, total amount of revenues generated by ACEITLMS from student tuition fees, short courses fees, and grants/ research proposals for the year ended December 2020, were equivalent to 298,613.66 USD from July 2017 to 31st December 2020 out of which 291,861.26 USD, and 6,752.40 USD resulting from students tuition and administrative fees, and grants/ research proposal fees, respectively. See details in annexed table below;

DESCRIPTIONS	TOTAL AMOUNT	DESCRIPTIONS	AMOUNT (USD)
		LOCALLY GENERATED STUDENTS FEES	191,478.98
		EXTERNAL GENERATED REVENUES (Regional and	12
STUDENTS REVENUES	291,861.26	Innternational Student fees)	100,382.28
		LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES (Grants/Research	
		proposals)	
GRANTS/RESEARCH		EXTERNAL GENERATED REVENUES (Grants/Research	
PROPOSALS	6752.4	proposals)	6752.4
		LOCALLY GENERATED SHORT COURSES FEES	na na
SHORT COURSES		EXTERNAL GENERATED REVENUES COURSES FEES	
TOTAL	298,613.66		298,613.66

Source; Reports, MoUs, and Bank statements ended December 2020

4. APPENDICES

4.1. Table below shows detailed figure for each category of revenue source;

PERIOD /financial year	Description	SPONSOR - ITLMS	SPONSORS - OTHERS	- OTHERS	TOTAL A	TOTAL AMOUNT GENERATED	E0	DVERALL TOTAL AMDUNT
		FRW	FRW	OSN	in local Currency	EXCHANGE RATE USD	USD	USD
	Local students		740,000		740,000	859.764189	07.098	860.70
IIII 9017, IIINE 9018	Regional students		380,000		380,000	859.764189	441.98	441.98
	International students		342,000		342,000	859.764189	397.78	397.78
	Grant					859.764189	•	•
	Short courses					859.764189	•	,
			1,462,000		1,462,000	859.764189	1,700	1,700
	Local students	30,775,000	15,288,375		46,063,375	898.28344	51,279.33	51,279.33
III PUIR. IIINE PUIG	Regional students	11,641,500	3,244,000		14,885,500	898.28344	16,571.05	16,571.05
	International students	8,442,000	2,204,000	127	10,646,000	898.28344	11,851.49	11,978.49
	IUCEA Students				-	898.28344	•	•
	Short courses					898.28344		-
		50,858,500	20,736,375	[27]	71,594,875	898.28344	79,701.88	79,828.88
	Local students	71,118,750	45,163,288		116,282,038	937.077161	124,090.14	124,090.14
JUL 2019- JUNE 2020	Regional students	24,404,750	12,237,500		36,642,250	937.077161	39,102.70	39,102.70



	International students	16,636,500	4,538,000	12	21,174,500	937.077161	22,596.32	22,608.32
	IUCEA Students					937.077161	•	•
	short courses				-	937.077161		•
		112,160,000	61,938,788	12	174,098,788	937.077161	185,789	185,801
Š	Local students		14,829,081		14,829,081	972.475036	15,248.80	15,248.80
.III. 2020-0750	Regional students		5,538,625		5,538,625	972.475036	5,695.39	5,695.39
	International students		1,892,000	1,641	1,892,000	972.475036	1,945.55	3,586.55
	Research grant			6,752.40		961.337677		6,752.40
	IUCEA Students					972.475036	•	1
	Short courses					972.475036	•	•
					-	972.475036	-	
			22,259,706	8,393	22,259,706	972.475036	22,889.75	31,283.15
TOTAL				1,780	269,415,369			298,613.66
TOTAL Revenue in BANK								291,861.26
TOTAL Revenue in Grant								6,752.40
Gen/ Total								298,613.66
Total Local Revenue Generated								191 478 98
Total External revenue				St.				
generated								107,134.68
General Total							**	298,613.66

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