



Creative Commons Tanzania Iringa Advocacy Training report



In 2016 September, 30 Creative Commons Tanzania Affiliate Team secured support form CC-HQ under Awe Some Fund Project and Open University of Tanzania (OUT) for Advocacy Training to Lugalo Secondary School in Iringa region.

A 510 Kilometers drive to Iringa region started at OUT's HQ Dar es Salaam, where we had a brief meeting with Prof. Deus Ngaruko; the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic who represented the Vice Chancellor Prof. Tozo Bisanda. It was a great pleasure to have OUT's Management blessings before the journey commence. Among other things, during the briefing, it was made clear that, the move/journey had a great support & blessings from the university. The team assured the university management that, this advocacy training will also publicize & sensitize university programmes to the secondary schools and use of the existing network of the university in the country to talk about CC activities and university programmes in the country.



Prof Deus Ngaruko, the DVC Academic in a group photo with CC-Tz Affiliate team members at his office before they started a journey to Iringa region for Advocacy Training

Prof. Deus Ngaruko, when addressing the team, he confidently assured the team of the university support to CC activities and argued the team to think of the big & huge projects that aiming at moving Creative Commons Tanzania to the next level. On this event, the DVC Academic made it clear on the support to Lugalo Secondary School in terms of teaching practice, science practice by the university's students, and support to other matters as the school would see it fit. He also through the Regional Director Rev. Dr. Kimilike, L. P. declared Lugalo Secondary School to be under the custodian of the university after the training. The exchange of contacts by the Deputy Head Master of the school and Rev. Dr. Kimilike, L. P. marked the beginning of the support of the Open University to the school.

The key goal of the travel to Iringa region was to **unlock CC activities to upcountry** secondary schools' students and other stakeholders. This is believed to be the first ever gesture of the CC team to train and student's upcountry in Tanzania. Out of this journey a documentary of the journey & training has been produced, to unleash the potentials of the visit to Iringa that can be

shared to the world and within the country. This journey started from OUT's HQ via Bagamoyo, Coastal Region and Morogoro with lots of shared experiences. The team managed to first made a courtesy call to OUT's Morogoro regional Center offices where they met university staff and students and managed in few minutes talked about of the CC issues; posturing the regional Director to also plan for CC event to in the region; possibly to be scheduled for the year 2017.



Creative Commons Affiliate team members met Open University Morogoro Regional center staff on their way to Iringa for Advocacy training on 30th September 2016

A team of six (6) Creative Commons Tanzania Affiliate members namely; Janeth Ngwilime, Ummy Ahmed, Naima Julius, Erasmus Rukantabula, Emmanuel Thomas & Aristarik Maro completed their one day trip via Mikumi National Park to Iringa region by meeting two newly affiliate members Mr. Dioscory Majaliwa and Mr. Mpeli Mwankusye who were local organizers of the event. It is a prodigious pleasure to have these two energetic and focused brothers to the team. The two newly team mark the first ever affiliates from the upcountry. ***Karibuni sana!!***

The training was launched by Rev. Dr. Kimilike, L. P. the Regional Director Open University Iringa Center, who at this point and by the virtues of his position, becomes part of our patron member. On the training, he started by welcoming the teachers and students to the one day training session. He made his remarks on the importance of inculcating creative & innovative skills of the students and unveiling them to the world. He said, the world will not only understand your knowledge but also apply the innovations that one comes out with, but all copyright procedures should be followed.



Training on progress as opened by Rev. Dr. Kimilike, L. P. the Regional Director Open University Iringa Center

The Deputy Head Master, Mr. Riaz Abeid & the Art teacher Mr. Sigismund Mlangilra received the team by welcoming them to Lugalo Secondary School and treasured for their school to be the first choice. More than 50 students and 5 teachers participated in the training. Participants were able to understand what Creative Commons is at global, regional and national level; areas of concern as students and staff on cc activities & goals, legal frameworks for cc Tanzania and the global operations, aims and goals for cc licenses in the global, regional and national levels. Participants were also trained on the benefits of sharing their creativities, innovations and knowledge to the world. Key players or stakeholders in advancing cc licenses in the country were also brought into participants' knowledge.

Lugalo Secondary School is amongst the oldest schools in the country which was established in 1945 by colonialists, and was called The H.H. Aga-Khan Secondary School. To date the school admits 985 students among them 283 are male students. The school runs senior I up to Senior VI. The school is managed by 74 academic staff and 13 non-academic staff (supporting staff). The school teaches both science and arts combinations/subjects; thereby it's one of the best public schools in Iringa region.



A group photo of the students, staff and Creative Commons affiliate team the school

A team of students who were subjected to a task of demonstrating their drawing skills on the "Power of Sharing" theme as part of engagement to the training demonstrated great skills to the participants. Seven students participated, and all of them won awards of different kinds. The top three winners won a full drawing set & t-shirts for CC Tanzania to enable them improve their drawing skills. This worked as a motivation to all students to unleash and utilize their skills at school, and share what they know to others. A random selection of the students to participate into a drawing completion was done. The following students managed to participate and won the prices:

1. Omary Juma
2. Yangamsita Ndota
3. Elia Mbilinyi
4. Sikudhani Mbilinyi
5. Michael Emmanuely

After the training, Rev. Dr. Kimilike, L. P. awarded the School a Wall Clock with CC-Tanzania Logo to marking the school as one of CC Tanzania recall center for future training in Iringa Region. This symbol also demonstrates that CC Tanzania has its contact people in Iringa region.

The Clock will be displayed at the School Administration Block for our remembrance and for the public to appreciate keeping time and presence of Creative commons Club in the school. The five students were also awarded their prizes to motivate them on their understanding and application of their skills into tangible extracurricular activities.



School Management accorded and appreciated the team for the training, arguing that, more training of the same are highly needed so as to enlighten students to unveil their skills. They commended the students who won the prizes and call upon others to participate on more extracurricular activities. The school agreed to establish **Lugalo Secondary Creative Commons Club**; that will be headed by the seven students who participated into the competition under the guidance of the deputy Head Master & Arts Teacher Mr. Sigismund Mlangilra; the establishment of the club will also spearheaded by the two CC – Tanzania Affiliate team members from Iringa region; Mr. Mpeli Mwankusye & Mr. Dioscor Majaliwa. The team agreed to spread the gospel of “When we Share Every One Wins” in Iringa Secondary schools in the country.

Our future plans in this regards, is to bring together all key players/stakeholders/initiatives on innovations & creativity on copyright matters into one room and discuss issues of concern to accommodate Creative Commons Licenses into policy change and practice and adoption. Advocacy to students in the secondary schools in the country will add value of the understanding of the licenses in the future. Whenever students are knowledgeable of the benefits of unveiling their innovative skills to the world, this will ease the adoption and application of the policies. Among others we are also looking forward to:

1. Enhance Policy change in Tanzania towards knowledge sharing
2. Educate and train the public on the use of CC licenses in the country
3. Seeking for more support to implement many other projects
4. Motivate the cc team for better results on Creative Commons Licenses use in the country

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