

Report PhD-course in the International Summer Course in One Health at the University of Copenhagen

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Wilfred Senyoni attended the international summer course in One Health at the University of Copenhagen from 6th May to 16th August 2019. The course comprised of two modules: a 5-week e-learning module in the months of May & June and a 1-week on-campus module held at the University of Copenhagen between 11th - 16th August 2019.

The course aimed at providing knowledge and skills sufficient in addressing the global challenges facing human, animal and environment health through a cross-disciplinary research and collaboration among key stakeholders and organisations. The course provided a critical overview to the existing health concerns among animals, human and environment and draws upon one health methods in addressing them. Prior to the on-campus module, all participants went through a 5 week online programme comprising of weekly assignments combining lectures, quizzes, exercises and on-line discussions. During the on-campus module, the morning sessions were for presenting and discussions on one health concepts and approaches with the afternoon designated for working in group assignments.

The course provided me with a thorough introduction and overview of the one health approach in improving the wellbeing for animals, humans and the environment. The concept of one health advocates collaboration, coordination, communication, data sharing and joint efforts among stakeholders from multiple disciplines. As a researcher in information systems and academician, the course gave me a good understanding to the opportunities one health approach offers and how I can contribute to the existing efforts with my expertise. Similarly, the course has expanded my network by establishing new contacts with researchers of various backgrounds and from around the world

The course was well organized and materials were delivered appropriately. The e-learning module was intense requiring more time to go through the materials. The on-campus module was interactive with participants partnered into groups to work on the assignments. I would recommend the course to other PhD-candidates with relevant research topics.



The course group photo



In groups working on an assignment.