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Tanzanian Awarded 2019
UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme

Ms. Doreen Richard Mushi has been nominated as recipient of the UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme Cycle 2018. Doreen Mushi, has been awarded a fellowship in the category of Information and Communication Technologies, to undertake research on “**Data Literacy and learning analytics training for improved student support in learning management systems**”. The US\$ 10,000 award will allow Ms. Mushi to work for 2 months with researchers of the Learning Analytics Centre of Kyushu University in Japan and other 2 months with researchers of the Faculty of Education of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada.

Ms. Mushi is the third Tanzanian national to be awarded the UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme. The other two winners, Fatuma Ubwa and Juliana Samuel Kamaghe, having been awarded fellowships in 2014 and 2015 respectively, both in the category of Information and Communication Technologies.

The UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme is a collaborative effort between the Government of Japan and UNESCO in enhancing capacity-building of human resources in developing countries. The Fellowship programme was first launched in 2001, to honour the vision and belief of Mr. Keizo Obuchi, former Prime Minister of Japan in the ability of “people to build and transform the world”. Since then, the Government of Japan has generously funded 290 fellowships, through a UNESCO co-sponsored Programme, offering opportunities to young researchers from developing countries to study abroad and to bring back to their countries an added value of knowledge and skills in the field of scientific research.

The aim of the fellowships is to support innovative and imaginative postgraduate research in the areas of development to which former Prime Minister Obuchi was committed and which are also areas of particular interest to UNESCO, namely:

- Environment
- Intercultural Dialogue
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Peaceful Conflict Resolution

The UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme contributes to the 2030 Agenda and SDGs, with particular focus on:

- *SDG 4*: “Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”.
- *SDG 5*: “Achieving gender equality and empower all women and girls”:
- *SDG 13*: “Taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts”.
- *SDG 17*: “Strengthening the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development”.

Over the years, 290 young researchers from various regions in the world have benefited from the UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme, being 82 in Africa (28%); 42 in Arab States (15%); 65 in Asia and the Pacific (22%); 43 in Europe and North America (15%); and 58 in Latin America and the Caribbean (20%).