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Uganda Parliamentary Research and Internship Program (PRIP)

SUNY Center for International Development/Islamic University in Uganda/Nkumba University/Uganda Martyrs University



Photo by James Utermark, HED Uganda PRIP Director

Nkumba University Lecturer Solomon Asiimwe, left, receives a certificate from PRIP Director James Utermark.

The Center for International Development facilitated a meeting between Nkumba University delegates and staff from the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society (CWGCS) in late 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange information on the range of gender research and educational programs conducted at CWGCS, and examine research questions and programs that would benefit from a joint partnership between CWGCS and Nkumba. The meeting produced a vibrant cross-culture discussion on the role of female elected officials in advancing a women-centered policy agenda, and strategies that have effectively activated a women's agency in the United States. Both parties left feeling there was a promising potential for partnership where successful US models could be adapted to the Ugandan context. Both expressed a great desire to collaborate on filling the knowledge gap that exists in Uganda, and to facilitate a more women-centered policy agenda. In early 2012, CWGCS identified a Request for Proposal from the U.S. Department of State to advance women's public service leadership which included request for international collaborations on research questions. CWGCS, and their new Nkumba contacts, immediately started working to develop and submit a proposal in response to this solicitation. A meeting facilitated by CID conceived a research idea and a real partnership between two institutions that would have never met otherwise.

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