

**REPORT FOR UNISA-STEM –ERA CONFERENCE PRESENTATION ON  
29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 BY AIM STUDY**

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**TITLE: AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE STEMKENYA MENTORSHIP  
PROGRAM ON CAREER CHOICES AND EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG WOMEN IN  
KENYA**

The UNISA conference was took place from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The aim presentation took place on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The presentation was done by Dr. Winifred Mutuku on behalf of the group.

The Group Members of Skilling and Mentoring Theme research team are Dr. Muthima PW the Principal investigator, Dr. Mutuku WN, Dr. Karanja FN, Dr. Mwangi MN, Dr. Muna W, Dr. Muniu J Dr. Ngina R, Prof Ndungo C and Prof. Wanjau RN

The group presented findings from their pilot study in the STEM-ERA workshop. The workshop was organized by University of South Africa (UNISA), South Africa. This was an online three (3) day workshop (see attached program).

In her presentation, she highlighted the background which necessitated the current study: the challenges students face is choosing a career, concern raised by employers on lack of relevant skills by graduates and the importance of employability skills in ensuring a productive and a functional workforce. She gave an overview of the STEMKenya program and an insight to the motivation of the need to carry out an assessment of the program. She emphasized the importance of mentoring and more specifically mentoring of girls and young women towards the uptake of STEM course and to pursue STEM related careers.

She gave the findings of the pilot study, emphasizing the impact of the STEMKenya mentorship program in career choices, employment, and income and career progression.

No questions were raised after her presentation. Attached please find the Powerpoint presentation and the conference program.

On behalf of AIM researchers, I take this opportunity to thank the KUWEE Hub for sponsoring the conference. Thank you

