ARU Students Return from Summer School 2023: Inspiring Change, Building Networks, and Promoting Indigenous Knowledge



Summer School from diverse background pose with their certificates for a group Photo

We are delighted to share some exciting highlights from the recently concluded Summer School 2023 held at Gulu University from 8th to 12th May 2023

Under the theme: Sustainable entrepreneurship and youth employment within an interdisciplinary setting in Uganda, The summer school brought together over 400 students and staff from various universities including: ARU, Gulu University, and Makerere University, University College London, University of Groningen, Victoria University, and many others. This diverse gathering ensured a rich cultural exchange and global learning experience.

As part of the exchange Programme, Dr. Zuura Namubiru , Milly Desire Muhindo and 2 ARU Students namely; Jackline Katusabe, and Night visited Gulu University

Jackline Katusabe, a student at African Rural University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Agriculture who was part of the summer School had this to say;

"During the one-week workshop, I had the opportunity to connect with people from different countries and universities. It was amazing to interact with individuals who had diverse perspectives and experiences. The Summer School was a treasure trove of new ideas and knowledge. I learned so much from my fellow students, especially about sustainable youth entrepreneurship. It was inspiring to see the innovative approaches they were implementing. What made it even more exciting was discovering that many of the practices we follow at ARU, such as sustainable agriculture, indigenous knowledge, and environment preservation, were also promoted during the Summer School. It reinforced the value and impact of our education at ARU.

One of the most precious moments for me was when I got to share with my fellow students at the Summer School about the visionary approach and its role in achieving sustainable development. I spoke passionately about how this approach can create a positive change in our communities. It was heartwarming to see the appreciation and interest from the audience. In fact, participants proposed that the next summer school be held at ARU given our unique education model.



Jackline Katusabe (Centre) with other participants at the Summer School