

PROF. WANJIKU KABIRA FETED

Prof. Kabira was recently feted as a visionary for women's rights and gender equality.

The journey towards gender equality and women's rights improvement has been long and winding and continues albeit with significant improvement. The gains realized in the Constitution of Kenya 2010 for women was a result of contributions by diverse stakeholders where Prof. Kabira played a significant role. She served as the Vice Chair of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission and has been instrumental in the progress made towards Gender Equality and Women's Economic Empowerment (GEWE) in Kenya and beyond.

Recognizing her enormous contribution, the African American Health Network of Dane County in the United States of America held a reception in honour of the eminent Professor where colleagues and mentees celebrated her. The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness and the Creator's Cottage hosted this auspicious event on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.



Figure 1 Professor. Kabira with women leaders and scholars at the reception

Prof. Kabira, the founding director of the African Women Studies Centre(AWSC) and Leader of the Women's Economic Empowerment Hub program at the University of Nairobi was recognized for her relentless fight for gender equality and women's rights through her scholarship and fervent participation in the constitution-making process. Prof. was instrumental in the establishment of affirmative action in the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

The reception was attended by eminent women leaders among them Dr. Fabu Carter alumnus of the African Women Studies Centre and Dr. Edd Poe among other leaders.



Figure 2 Professor Kabira with the leaders and Figure 3 Professor listens to a participant during her presentation at Madison

During the US visit, Prof. Kabira made a presentation on *The Future of Global Feminism* at a conference at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she also met and had talks with the Dean of International Studies on research and collaboration on leadership training, economic empowerment and climate change between the two institutions sustainably.

Wanjiku Kabira is an impeccable scholar, a Professor of Literature, Emeritus and a renowned author with over one hundred published books. She has mentored many women currently holding leadership positions globally and continues to champion women's rights and economic empowerment through mentoring.



Figure 4 Prof. Kabira poses for a photo with the hosts

We congratulate Prof Kabira for this prestigious honour and wish her more success.