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**Employability  
Community of Practice  
(ECOP)  
Quarterly Report**

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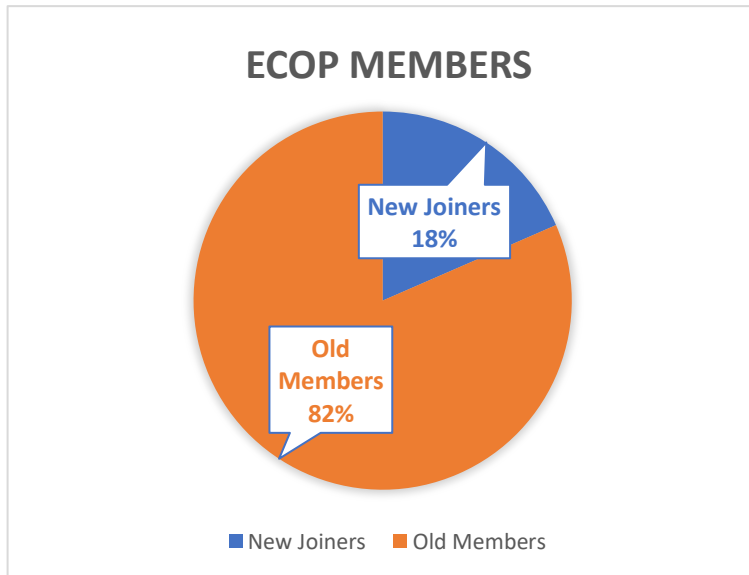
**ECoP Quarterly Report**

**November 2023 - January 2024**

**Overview**

The Employability Community of Practice (ECoP) quarter two (2) report summarizes activities and outcomes from November 2023 to January 2023. The information is to update members on progress, celebrate wins, and address challenges for active engagement in the community in pursuit of improving employability outcomes within higher education. Ashesi University, USIU-Africa, and the University of Cape Coast are institutional leaders of the ECoP.

**Membership Growth**



(A) **New members:** The ECOP community has grown by 18% within the quarter. Membership has increased from 53 to 65. There were 12 new members from 11 institutions.

(B) **New institutions:** There are seven (7) new institutions represented in the ECoP from four (4) countries.

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Country</b>
University of Ghana Business School	West Africa	Ghana
University of Rwanda	East Africa	Rwanda
Cogent Afrique (Consultancy)	East Africa	Kenya
Academic City University	West Africa	Ghana
African Rural University	East Africa	Uganda
Riara University	East Africa	Kenya
Gold-Youth	East Africa	Rwanda

## **Activities and Engagement**

- A) **Quarterly Meeting:** Mr. Alexis Ayamdor facilitated a virtual coffee party on December 13, 2023. The session allowed members to network with other members of the community and reflect on their involvement throughout the year. Attendees also gained insights into the various opportunities within the CoP that they can leverage for the coming year. Sixty-one (61) participants attended the session. [Access here the meeting notes](#) and [recording](#)
- B) **Articles and Blog Posts:** No article or blog was published in the quarter.
- C) **Engagement and Participation**
1. Number of members who participated in the quarterly meeting: **26 (43%)**
  2. The number of non-registered members who participated in the quarterly meeting: **16.**
  3. The number of other CoP members who participated in the quarterly meeting: **19.**
  4. Number of members who shared resources and opportunities with the community during the past quarter: **One.**
  5. Number of members who reported implementing learnings from the CoP within their institution: **None.**
  6. The number of members who collaborated on projects with ECoP members: **One.**

## **Microgrants**

- The number of institutions awarded microgrants in the past quarter: Two (2) AAMUSTED and the University of Ghana Business School

## **Challenges and Recommendations**

- Challenges from quarter one remains. Institutions are not updating us on their learnings, translating into fewer microgrant applications. However, from the last quarter, we agreed to share a form monthly to capture learnings and allow members to share opportunities, office hours, times, and blog stories with the community. The monthly form will begin in Quarter three.