

Testimonial

My name is Samson Akanvose Aziabah, I am a lecturer at the Department of Real Estate and Land Management at SDD University of Business and Integrated Development Studies, Ghana.

A travel grant from the IREBS Foundation for African Real Estate Research enabled me to participate in the 2019 conference of the African Real Estate Society (AfRES) in Arusha, Tanzania.

I could not fund to attend the conference from my personal resources as the estimated cost of US\$1500 were far in excess of my monthly salary of about US\$800. Also, my university does not sponsor staff to attend academic conferences, mainly due to lack of funds.

With this background, I must emphasize that the IREBS grant was “God-sent”, as I attained my desire of attending and presenting at the conference. I was also able to build important professional and academic networks. Their inputs enabled me to improve my paper which is now being presented for journal publication.

The opportunity to attend the AfRES conference which brings experts (academic and non-academic) from Africa together is very important. The conferences not only provide a platform to build networks. The discussions have also exposed me to many areas of research in the real estate sector necessary to improve knowledge in Africa. For example, myself and a partner in Tanzania are now conducting research on the impact of COVID-19 on the real estate sector in our two countries.