My name is Fidel Makatia Omusilibwa, a final year student in Kenyatta University. I pursue a BSc in Electrical and Electronics engineering Telecommunications option. I am also the Chairperson of IEEE Kenyatta University students branch, IEEE Photonics Society and IEEE communications Society Kenyatta University Chapter.

On 13th December 2019 I was selected to represent Kenya in the famous IEEE Globecom(global telecommunications) conference in Hawaii, United states of America. I was the
only student from Africa in the conference and the only undergraduate student. The conference brought together over 2500 professionals from the telecommunication sector around the globe. Big companies, vendors and research institutions were also represented. I got a chance to interact with PhD students from Ivy league universities working on very good research. MIT, Yale, Oxford, Paris, University of Cyprus, Luxenber are some of the universities that were represented. Also, I met awesome engineers from Intel, MATLAB, Huawei and IEEE Communications society. I networked a lot. I also met the famous father of mmWaves, Prof. Theodore Rappaport (Ted 5G) and managed to talk to him about my final year project and he was really impressed.

I also attended a lot of workshops, tutorials and symposia. From Software defined radio to intelligent reflective surfaces to Artificial intelligence in spectrum allocation all the way to ethics in communications. I also attended tutorials on precision radio propagation measurements to optimize 5G spectrum and systems. I also got too attend keynotes on safety security and internet of things by VintinG.Cerf from Google and Neural network for physical layer communication problem by Prof. Lzhong Zheng of MIT.

Hawaii was a really nice place to be. From culture to food to lifestyle. All students should volunteer in any capacity and strive to change the immediate society they are in. There is always somebody watching and one day your reward will come. Let us strive to make engineering the envy of all in our society.
Am eternally grateful for this opportunity and thanks to all that took part in making me who I am. My family, classmates, IEEE and Kenyatta University School of Engineering played a big role in this.

Fig 1: A photo of me(in a blue suit first from the right) with the IEEE Communications Society president (the gentleman in a blue suit at the middle) and PhD
students from MIT, Oxford, Paris, Cambridge and University of Cyprus.

Fig 2: Panel on going
Fig 3: The head of Hawaiian telecommunications company receiving an award from IEEE.
Fig 4: Session ongoing
Fig 5: Enjoying the Hawaiian culture during the networking dinner.