„STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES – THE CONTRIBUTION OF LEADERSHIP CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES“

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MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2017

ADDRESSING GLOBAL CHALLENGES:
HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Dr Jan-Martin Wiarda
Science and Education Journalist, Germany

Goldberger-Saal (first floor)

17.00 WELCOME ADDRESSES

Roland Lindenthal
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Dr Dorothea Rüland
Secretary-General, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany

Dr Jens-Peter Gaul
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17.15 KEYNOTE:
GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Francisco Marmolejo
Lead, Global Solutions Group on Tertiary Education, The World Bank Group, USA

In his keynote address, Francisco Marmolejo will present key trends in higher education globally and analyse their relevance for leadership capacity building initiatives. This will allow participants to assess what is on the horizon. Furthermore, Mr Marmolejo will argue why higher education leadership matters and why this makes investments in capacity building even more relevant. Finally, some current World Bank initiatives and experiences will be presented, with a view to identify potential synergies.

18.00 PANEL DISCUSSION:
CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED – CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT

The panel discussion aims at translating the global challenges and trends for higher education management in developing countries presented in the keynote speech into different regional backgrounds. Major obstacles jeopardising the success of capacity building initiatives in the Global South will be identified. Among others, the following questions will be addressed:
How can the impact of capacity enhancement initiatives be measured?
Which factors determine the relevance of capacity enhancement initiatives?
Shall successful activities be upscaled or are more diversified offerings needed? The panellists will outline options how these challenges can be dealt with and what still needs to be resolved.

Professor Dr Intan Ahmad
Director General of Learning and Student Affairs, Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education of the Republic of Indonesia
Hardenberg-Atrium (first floor)

19.00 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER “TEN YEARS DIES INTERNATIONAL DEANS’ COURSE”

Professor Dr Peter Mayer
Academic Director of the International Deans’ Course, Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences (UAS), Germany

Musical background provided by Benedikt Reidenbach Trio

21.30 End of Day 1

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2017

STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Goldberger-Saal (first floor)

9.00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Marc Wilde
Expert, Development Cooperation and Transregional Programmes, DAAD, Germany

Session 1 – Higher Education Management Today

9.15 HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT – STATE OF THE ART

Professor Dr Frank Ziegele
Executive Director, Centre for Higher Education (CHE), Germany

Higher education management during the last 10-15 years emerged as an academic field. A variety of master programmes, professional training courses and research projects have developed. At the same time, practitioners develop and realise tools and instruments and gather experience. New functions and careers in higher education management emerge; university managers find themselves in a process of professionalisation. The presentation analyses the state of the art, current trends and scenarios for future developments. It critically reflects the applicability and relevance of approaches developed in the European context in developing countries.
9.45 PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS: CURRENT HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT NEEDS IN DIFFERENT REGIONS

The parallel working groups aim to identify and discuss specific higher education management needs in Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia. Although higher education institutions all over the world are confronted with similar challenges, such as rapid increases in student enrolment numbers, lack of financial resources and increasing national and international competition, they are working in different national and regional settings, dealing with different educational traditions and patterns, and operating within specific legal and organisational frameworks. The working groups will address region-specific challenges and will try to identify possible pathways to overcome these challenges. Which topics are considered fundamental to positive change and reform in the specific regional higher education contexts? Which dimensions of university management are most relevant?

Room Nord (Basement)

WG 1 – AFRICA

Chair: Thomas Böhm
Head of Section, Africa and Middle East, HRK, Germany

Room Mitte (Basement)

WG 2 – LATIN AMERICA

Chair: Tobias Wolf
Senior Desk Officer, Development Cooperation: Partnership Programmes and Higher Education Management, DAAD, Germany

Room Süd (Basement)

WG 3 – SOUTHEAST ASIA

Chair: Michael Hörig
Head of Section, Development Cooperation: Partnership Programmes and Higher Education Management, DAAD, Germany

10.45 Coffee break
11.15 PANEL DISCUSSION: CURRENT HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT NEEDS – REPORT FROM THE PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS AND DISCUSSION

This panel session aims to collect and compare major concerns and challenges in the field of higher education in Africa, Europe, Latin America and Southeast Asia. Based on the reports from the parallel working groups the audience will be invited to discuss current challenges as well as future needs and how these can be met. Are there common challenges for universities in developing countries or do these differ between institutions of different types and profiles? Are there specific regional needs and what would be the best manner to address them? What is the best way to ensure maximum impact and how can we foster the multiplication of good practice nationally as well as internationally?

Professor Dr Frank Ziegele
Executive Director, Centre for Higher Education, Germany

Rapporteurs from Parallel Working Groups

Chair: Marijke Wahlers
Head of International Department, HRK, Germany

12.15 Lunch

Session 2 – Capacity Enhancement in Higher Education Management

Chair: Iris Danowski
Head of Section Latin America, HRK, Germany

13.30 THE INTERNATIONAL DEANS’ COURSE – A BRIEF PRESENTATION

Professor Dr Peter Mayer
Academic Director of the International Deans’ Course, Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences (UAS), Germany

The International Deans Course was started in 2007 involving higher education experts from around the world, discussing challenges for deans in their respective regions. There was a consensus that many if not most deans would benefit tremendously from having more management and soft skills to perform well in their function. The programme structure, which became the blueprint for the IDC allows for studying best practice and learn from peers, in many fields such as strategic management, change management, quality management or internationalisation, to name just a few. The sharing of experience across borders adds a valuable element. The feedback from participants, their success in their careers and the replication of the approach in many settings has shown that such programmes can add value in the dynamic world of higher education.
13.45 EVALUATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEANS’ COURSE – KEY FINDINGS
Dr Christoph Emminghaus
Managing Director, Syspons GmbH, Germany

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the International Deans’ Course’ DAAD and HRK commissioned an external evaluation to take stock of the course’s achievements thus far and to assess its relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability among other criteria. The key findings of the evaluation as well as selected recommendations for the programme’s future implementation will be presented in this session.

14.00 HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT TRAINING SCHEMES IN THE FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION – RESULTS OF A DIES STUDY
Professor Dr Laura Rumbley
Associate Director, Boston College Center for International Higher Education, USA

Institutional leaders everywhere face challenges in managing complex institutions in rapidly changing environments; these challenges may be especially daunting in low-income and emerging economy country contexts, where new kinds of performance-based standards are being implemented and fast-growing enrolments are often the norm. To help grow and sustain higher education leadership and management capacity, particularly in a development cooperation context, a range of professional development programmes and training schemes are offered to higher education leaders and managers around the world. This session provides insights from a study, funded by DAAD and HRK, which endeavoured to “map” the global landscape of such training scheme providers and gain insight into their priorities, approaches, and possible future orientations.

14.30 GALLERY WALK:
PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT SCHEMES IN HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT

Many organisations worldwide engage in training activities in the field of higher education management. Against this background, the gallery walk aims at giving an insight in three selected capacity enhancement schemes in higher education management in different world regions. Providers from Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia will present the characteristics of their respective training schemes with respect to features such as training content, target audiences and delivery modes, giving a special focus to issues related to effectiveness and impact, lessons learnt and future perspectives.

Ransford Okwabi Bekoe
Project Officer, Association of African Universities, Ghana

Professor Dr Miguel Escala
Executive Director, Institute for University Management and Leadership (IGLU), Dominican Republic

Dr Ho Thanh My Phuong
Director, SEAMEO Regional Training Center, Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation, Vietnam
Coffee break

Session 3 – Strengthening the Role of Universities in Developing Countries through Higher Education Management Capacity Building – Where Do We Go from Here?

16.00 PANEL DISCUSSION: FUTURE NEEDS AND PERSPECTIVES

The objective of this panel discussion is to explore, based on the discussions held throughout the conference, options for enhancing higher education capacity building schemes that focus on strengthening the role of universities in their respective societies. It shall address questions such as: How can the sustainability of capacity building initiatives be ensured? How can we scale up our efforts? And what future needs and perspectives should be considered? The panellist will share insights based on their own experience and engage in a conversation with the conference audience.

Professor Dr-Ing Abebe Dinku
Vice-President for Institutional Development, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Professor Dr Larisa Carrera
Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, National University of the Littoral, Argentina

Professor Dr Stefanie Shamila Pillai
Dean, Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, University of Malaya, Malaysia

Professor Dr Laura Rumbley
Associate Director, Boston College Center for International Higher Education, USA

Chair: Michael Hörig
Head of Section, Development Cooperation: Partnership Programmes and Higher Education Management, DAAD, Germany

17.00 CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

Marijke Wahlers
Head of International Department, HRK, Germany
Professor Dr Intan Ahmad is since 2015 the Director General of Learning and Student Affairs at the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education of the Republic of Indonesia, and since 2017 Acting Rector of the Jakarta State University (UNJ).

He is also Professor at Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB), where he held various positions. Since 1997, he has been involved in the Directorate General of Higher Education, and was a Member of the Development Council in the Board of Higher Education. In addition, from 2004 to 2006 he has served as a Consultant for Improving the Relevance and Quality of Undergraduate Education (IRQUE, World Bank) at the Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka.

Since 2008, he has been part of the International Deans’ Course (IDC) as Programme Committee and International Expert. Professor Ahmad holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from ITB, and a PhD in Entomology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA.

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In addition to his work as a Project Officer he organises the AAU’s Leadership Development workshop series under different modules as for example strategic planning, entrepreneurship, university-industry linkages, quality assurance, and resource mobilisation. His other areas of focus are HIV and AIDS management in African higher education institutions, and environmental management.

He contributed to the development of the first training modules on mainstreaming sustainability into university curricula in Africa initiated by the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) in 2005. Ransford Okwabi Bekoe holds a Master’s degree in Development and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science from the University of Ghana.

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Previously, she obtained a Master’s degree in Environmental Science from Washington State University, and a Chemistry degree from Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. She has participated in several DIES programmes and has for many years led the Regional Network on Quality Assurance in Higher Education (GUCAL XXI) in Central America.

Maria Luisa de Boehm has participated in various Harvard Graduate School of Education seminars in performance assessment in higher education and building inner strengths of leader’s programme. Her experience and knowledge has allowed her to influence higher education at regional and international level in several countries worldwide.

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He has previously held various administrative positions at JKUAT from 2002 to 2012 including Chairman of Botany Department, Director of Institute of Biotechnology Research, was briefly the Dean of the Faculty of Science, and Principal of JKUAT Taita Taveta Campus in Voi. From 2012 to 2016 he was the Principal of Taita Taveta University College. Further, Professor Boga has previously been the Secretary and Chairman of the Kenya DAAD Scholars Association.

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Professor Carrera leads projects founded by the Argentine Ministry of Education with universities for Brazil, Mexico and Australia to improve internationalisation, and coordinates the Academic Committee in Primary Health Care (AUGM). She formed a research team and participated in medical conferences, edited several books, and wrote numerous book chapters.

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In 1991, she started her career as ERASMUS Coordinator of the University of Cologne. In 1994, she changed to the German Rectors’ Conference as Head of Section for Europe. In the second half of the nineties, she started building up the cooperation with Latin American partners and has been coordinating this field since then.

In recent times, she has been involved in several multilateral cooperation projects with Latin America, such as ALFA PUENTES and HICA. Iris Danowski is a Member of the Steering Committee of the International Deans’ Course for Latin America.

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He has long standing experience in and profound knowledge of monitoring and evaluation systems, the conduct of evaluations and the analysis of evaluation functions in different organisations. For example, he was involved in the analyses of the evaluation functions of all German development cooperation organisations on behalf of the German Evaluation Institute.

He has worked for clients such as the European Union, a diverse range of Federal Ministries in Germany, the DAAD, the GIZ and others. Prior to founding Syspons, Christoph Emminghaus worked for Ramboll Management Consulting for more than ten years and has been Lecturer at different universities. He has an academic background in Political Science and owns a PhD from the University of Hamburg.

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He received his Doctoral degree and his Master’s degree in Higher Education at Penn State University where, in 2007, he received the Alumni Fellow Award. Recently, he accepted to become the Founder Director of a new INTEC journal: Ciencia y Educación (Science and Education).

In 2005, Professor Escala was elected Rector of INTEC, and finished his tenure in 2011. At IGLU, since 2012, he has coordinated the implementation of a blended version of the IGLU course which has formed around eight hundred higher education administrators in Latin America in the past five years.

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She began her career as an English language and literature Teacher in a secondary school in Kuala Lumpur upon completing her Bachelor of Education in TESL in the UK. She joined UM as a Language Teacher in 1993, before becoming a Lecturer at FLL. She subsequently completed her Master’s degree and then her PhD at UM. Professor Pillai was a recipient of the Commonwealth Split-Site PhD completing her tenure in the UK at the University of Newcastle.

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1984, after completing her studies in German Literature, History and Musicology and her PhD in German Studies at the University of Freiburg im Breisgau, Dr Dorothea Rüland held lectureships at universities in Great Britain and Asia.
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Before joining the German Rectors’ Conference, she was Head of International Relations at the Furtwangen University of Applied Sciences, and Coordinator for International Relations at the Prefectural University of Kumamoto, and the Kumamoto Prefectural Government Office, Japan.

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DIES TRAINING COURSES: OVERVIEW

DIES Training Courses foster the competencies of academic leadership staff and contribute to the enhancement of institutional management at universities in developing countries.

They offer modular, practice-oriented training opportunities for management-level professionals from universities in developing countries. The training offers are based on a blended-learning approach.

DIES training courses have been created in response to specific tasks faced by university faculty members at various levels of the organisation. These range from human resource, research and financial management to quality assurance and applying for external funds. Participants in all DIES training courses are assisted by experienced international trainer teams in implementing practical changes at their home institutions.

www.daad.de/dies-training

International Deans’ Course (IDC)

The International Deans’ Course (IDC) is designed for newly elected deans and vice-deans from Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America. It deals with the various dimensions of faculty management such as financial management, quality assurance, leadership – supplemented with practice-oriented modules on project management and soft skills. As the course progresses, participants develop personal action plans which they then use to implement individual reform projects at their home universities. The individual plans are presented and discussed among experts and peers during the subsequent presence phase(s).

Cooperation partners for the IDCs Africa and Southeast Asia are the Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, the Centre for Higher Education (CHE) and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH).

The IDC Latin America is jointly implemented by the Saarland University and the University of Alicante, Spain.
University Leadership and Management Training Programme (UNILEAD)

The supra-regional University Leadership and Management Training Programme (UNILEAD) is open to young management-level professionals from universities in Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia. The majority of participants work as coordinators of central university administration units, in areas such as quality assurance, human resource management, controlling or international affairs. UNILEAD includes three modules on project management, finances and investment and human resource management. An online-based learning platform provides preparation and follow-up for the topics and offers the opportunity to receive feedback from mentors and exchange thoughts with fellow participants. In between the contact phases of the course, participants carry out individual projects at their home universities to directly apply what they have learnt to practice.

In UNILEAD, the University of Oldenburg is the cooperation partner.

Furthermore, the University of Oldenburg, together with different international partners, offers specially focused regional UNILEAD courses in Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia.

Proposal Writing for Research Grants (PROGRANT)

The aim of Proposal Writing for Research Grants (ProGRANT) is to enable young academics from Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia to develop proposal writing skills according to international standards and to design, write and budget a promising proposal for national and international research funding. ProGRANT is structured in three modules: two seminar modules and a trainer guided e-learning module.

The trainer teams consist of German and regional experts. Grant writing experts share their knowledge in the field of research funding, subject-specific trainers provide expertise on the nuances and details of their particular field. The courses are offered in English, Spanish, and French depending on the location.

The courses are organised and conducted by the University of Cologne in close cooperation with ProWiss (Consulting Services for Researchers).
Management of Internationalisation (MOI)

The DIES training course Management of Internationalisation (MOI) by the Leibniz Universität Hannover supports participants from Africa, Asia and Latin America in professionalising the management of the central tasks of their international offices.

The main topics of this tripartite course are internationalisation, strategic management, managing partnerships, incoming and outgoing student and researcher mobility as well as consulting and marketing.

Each module offers a balance between conceptual learning and practice oriented training, management skills as well as soft skills.

The DIES training course Management of Internationalisation was designed for heads of international offices and university managers who are responsible for coordinating international activities for their universities.

The MOI course is organised by the Leibniz Universität Hannover and implemented together with the University of Guanajuato (Mexico), Manipal University (India) and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (Kenya).

National Multiplication Trainings (NMT)

This DIES programme supports multi-part continuing education courses, so-called National Multiplication Trainings (NMT). They focus on the various subjects of university management, such as project management, finance and staff coordination, research management, quality assurance and internationalisation.

DIES alumni can apply for funding to implement NMT initiatives in Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia. By acting as multipliers for the knowledge and skills gained during their own training, the NMT coordinators play an invaluable role for the sustainability and reach of the DIES training activities.

The University of Potsdam is responsible for the administration of the NMT projects selected for funding in 2017/2018.
Dr Arbelio Pentón Madrigal
Dean, Faculty of Physics, University of La Habana, Cuba

DAAD / HRK / DIES should continue supporting the current trends of the higher education system in the world, which are characterised through the mobility of students, professors, researchers and authorities, as well as a research model based on cooperation, networking and open systems for the knowledge management. In this context, the academic interchange oriented to the graduate study phase is very important. Graduate students should be prepared for an effective performance in an interdependent world as professionals with a humanistic, versatile and dynamic education, with self-learning skills, and committed with worldwide problems and to appreciate and value the cultural diversity.

Professor Dr Larisa Carrera
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International cooperation plays a key role in strengthening Latin American society. To 100 years of the University Reform of 1918 we see a new stage in our universities: international scientific-technological associative cooperation for innovation, sustainable development and social inclusion. There are new challenges: the transfer, the opening of joint research programmes, the strengthening of human resources with quality local postgraduates, the progress in the recognition of accredited degree programmes, as well as the possibility of doctoral and postdoctoral training abroad, publications and participation in international knowledge production networks.

Professor Dr Ong Duu Sheng
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Universities in developing countries are agents to nurture leaders and produce the most valuable asset of the country – the human resources. Without clear missions, universities may pursue success based on popular measures like the ranking/rating systems, thus neglect the calling of the nation. The various dialogues, training courses, partnerships and projects by DAAD / HRK / DIES over the past decades have successfully made a respectable mark on the SEA higher education landscape. The network of DIES / DAAD alumni may play a key role in strengthening higher education institutions via cooperation among the universities which is in line with aspiration towards the ASEAN community. It is timely for DAAD / HRK / DIES to support university top leadership programmes to focus on the unique mission of respective university and create synergy among the universities in this region.
Unlike the developed countries, majority of developing nations have a very young population. For instance, in my country Ethiopia fifty percent of the total population is under the age of fifteen years. This fact suggests that developing nations should strategically plan their entire academic programmes to produce knowledgeable and productive citizens that competently respond to the current global demand objectively. Towards this endeavour, the contribution of developed nations needs to be substantially enhanced so that the young population remain engaged in its own country. Short of that social, political and economic stability cannot be maintained and may lead to environmental degradation which ultimately results in massive exodus in search of better living conditions. Like in the past years, DAAD / HRK / AVH have to continue supporting universities in developing nations in many ways that include but not limited to: providing need based training, promote joint collaborative research undertakings, and sponsor capacity building initiatives so that quicker technology transfer is made possible.

Management and coordination of several academic functions in higher education institutions (HEIs) in developing countries is often allocated to academic staff upon attainment of their PhDs, a minimum requirement for teaching in most HEIs. The staff concentrate on disciplinary expertise and developing scholarly capacity. They limit interactions to faculty and students; pursuing publications, postgraduate supervision and attending conferences. Lacking knowledge and skills to manage teaching, research, developing programmes, examination processes, quality assurance among others, they need leadership and management training to achieve requisite performance targets. DAAD / HRK / DIES have experience in management and leadership of all aspects of HEIs. Their resources and strong networks, enable facilitating specialized training; bridging gaps thus enhancing performance of individuals and institutions in a changing world.

DAAD / HRK / DIES have been contributing so much to the development of higher education in the developing countries in the last 30 years through various programmes and targets. In the future, beside continuing the existing programmes, DAAD / HRK / DIES should also gear the collaborations with more specialised kind of higher education, for example: polytechnic (vocational) or higher educations that has the basis of religion (eg.: Islamic Universities in Indonesia). That way there will be more understanding in parts of the worlds through higher education.
Michael Hörig
Head of Section, Development Cooperation, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany

The key developmental role of higher education is increasingly being recognised. However, universities in many developing countries are far from taking up this central role. Reasons are underfunding, management deficits and an uncontrolled expansion of the higher education system. On their own, capacity building and partnership initiatives are unable to solve the problems of universities. This is the responsibility of the respective governments and the higher education institutions. But international partnerships can complement their work, especially where there is a high demand (curriculum reform, management training) and an interest to set a standard for relevant, internationally networked teaching and research.

Professor Dr Frank Ziegele
Executive Director, Centre for Higher Education (CHE), Germany

Academics often stumble into higher education management (HEM) and leadership positions without having been trained for these tasks, and without knowledge about useful tools and processes. Capacity building and partnership initiatives offer a remedy to these issues: Participants are exposed to up-to-date knowledge and good practices in HEM. They engage in intensive peer learning and build problem-solving networks. They take the chance to reflect on their practices, supported by peers whose comments may serve as “eye-openers”. Changes of mind-sets could be observed, for instance building an entrepreneurial spirit (“I tried to change things, I got support, and it worked!”). Capacity building efforts help higher education leaders to find pragmatic ways to move forward, even if rigid state regulations require reforms in small steps.

Professor Dr Peter Mayer
Academic Director of the International Deans’ Course, Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences (UAS), Germany

When participants of capacity building initiatives talk with peers who hold similar positions, be it in other faculties, other types of universities or other countries, they realise that leaders in higher education face similar problems, and indeed need similar skills and techniques to respond to them. The intensive interaction which is part and parcel of many formats creates a community of practice, which provides for a unique possibility to openly talk about challenges and create confidence that problems are there to be solved.
Marijke Wahlers  
*Head of International Department, German Rectors’ Conference (HRK), Germany*

The challenges universities around the globe are confronted with are largely similar, despite extremely diverging framework conditions: The massification of higher education, combined with the emergence of a global knowledge economy, impacts on universities worldwide. The exchange of good practice and a collaborative approach to the training of management skills and competencies lead to enhanced governance structures and processes at universities in the partner regions. What is more, lasting partnerships and even friendships are being built, creating sustainable networks for the future.

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From the experience of the Humboldt Foundation, capacity building for higher education management as provided through the DEANS’ course is crucial for improving quality of research and teaching at universities in the partner regions. In fact, training university managers is the basis securing that the best decisions regarding research infrastructure, curricula and research funding can be taken. The true added value of this capacity building can hardly be overestimated. In various countries, Humboldt alumni started to share the knowledge acquired in International Deans’ Courses with colleagues who did not have the privilege to participate and thus contribute to an ongoing development process.
“HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT TRAINING SCHEMES IN THE FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION” – A STUDY BY BOSTON COLLEGE

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the initiation of the International Deans’ Course, DAAD and HRK have commissioned the Boston College Center for International Higher Education, USA, to conduct a study on the state of play with regard to higher education management training schemes worldwide.

The study aims at gaining a better understanding of:

> major players around the world that are active in higher education management training in the field of international development cooperation;

> the different kinds of management training schemes being offered and the effectiveness and impact of these programmes; and

> the major challenges and opportunities ahead for higher education training for international development cooperation.

The study produced two key outputs: a global inventory of training programmes, and a set of findings providing deeper insight into the complexity of profiles and activities demonstrated by a select subset of the training providers identified in the inventory exercise.

For further information please refer to:
http://www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/lsoe/sites/cihe/research-resources/management-training-schemes.html

Key findings

> **Broadly speaking, this is a global phenomenon.** The provision of higher education training schemes in relation to development cooperation touches most world regions in some fashion, whether in terms of being a region of origin for funders or providers, a region of focus for the offer of trainings, or both. Notably absent in this analysis are Central Asia and the Middle East.

> **This is an emerging phenomenon.** A significant number of the programmes identified by this study’s inventory exercise register initiation dates after 2000.

> **This is a relatively small-scale phenomenon.** Despite the growing interest in, and offer of, higher education management training in connection with development cooperation, it appears there is a disperse offering, with many programmes involving relatively small numbers of individuals per training.

> **This is a diverse phenomenon.** There is notable variation in terms of the topics and themes that different programmes and providers choose to focus on, the target populations and “clientele” they aim to serve, the approaches they take to programme design, and the modalities they embrace for programme delivery.

> **This is a complex phenomenon.** There are a multitude of different kinds of actors working in this space. Furthermore, many individual programmes feature multi-layered arrangements, in which a number of different actors are involved and play one or more roles in relation to the overall initiative.
Major players in higher education management training schemes for development cooperation – a diverse and global picture

- In terms of the clientele, the majority of programmes seem to be targeted at either senior leadership or middle and upper-middle level managers and administrators. A smaller subset of programmes has an overt focus on particular populations, for example women or younger academics and emerging leaders.

- The duration of the programmes on offer can vary from several days to several weeks to several months; it is unusual, though not unknown, for training programmes to last for one year or more.

- Many different variations are reported by the major player programmes in terms of programme design and delivery. Frequently, an individual programme leverages several different approaches to deliver content and facilitate the training experience. Commonly reported formats include workshops, conferences, seminars, and lectures. Both face-to-face and online delivery are also commonly employed. Trainings may be standardised or customized; many are supply-driven, some are more demand-driven, while others combine both elements.

- Common training topics include leadership development, strategic planning, gender equity, change agency, institutional and system governance, quality assurance, fundraising, management of research and innovation, university-industry linkages, university-community/society linkages, and internationalisation and global engagement.

Key challenges for training providers

- Improving programme evaluation efforts with respect to short-term effects and long-term impact;

- Ensuring training provision keeps up with the rapid pace of change in higher education around the world;

- Identifying trainers who are knowledgeable about specific institutional, regional, and national contexts; and

- Identifying and effectively engaging new or underserved populations in need of higher education management capacity-building (for example, women).

Fundamental considerations for the future strategic development

- Scaling up and diversifying. There is considerable demand for management training, yet the existing offer of expertise appears to be dispersed, uncoordinated, territorial, and insufficient. Training providers must consider innovative approaches to leveraging technological tools, expanding their base of trainers, and collaborating with key partners to extend their reach.

- Providing evidence of impact. For example, tracking of participant trajectories needs to be improved and systematised, and the cost of maintaining tracer systems and regular contact with alumni needs to be a standard part of operating budgets.

- Searching for funding. In a context of limited funds and great need, finding innovative funding sources will remain an ongoing concern. Collaboration among training providers and expansion into new content areas or clientele groups (such as the private higher education sector) may prove fruitful.
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The DAAD awards scholarships, supports the internationalisation of German universities, promotes German studies and the German language abroad, assists developing countries in establishing more effective higher education systems and advises decision-makers on cultural, educational, and development policy issues.

The German Rectors’ Conference (HRK) is the association of state and state-recognised universities in Germany. The HRK currently has 268 member institutions, in which around 94 per cent of all students in Germany are enrolled.

The HRK functions as the voice of the universities in dialogue with politicians and the public and as the central forum for opinion-forming in the higher education sector.

The HRK cooperates with universities and corresponding organisations all over the world. Its aim is to represent the interest of German universities at an international level and to support German universities in their internationalisation process.

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