**Networking for Applied Sciences in Eastern Africa**

*University consortium led by Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences*

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### Project Presentation

**Why Applied Sciences in Eastern Africa?**
- High demand of skilled workers in Kenya in light of vision 2030, especially in engineering
- Existing mismatch between graduates’ qualification and labor market needs

**Inception**
- Declaration of intent between former Kenyan education minister Matiang’i and the German Ambassador in Nairobi on February 9, 2017 to found a Eastern African-German University of Applied Sciences

**DAAD support to German university consortia since 2017 to**
- open up dialogue with Kenyan stakeholders with regard to applied research and teaching
- inform about the concept of universities of applied sciences
- discuss options for future collaboration
- create an East African Network of Applied Sciences

### Project Activities

- Four delegation trips to Kenya
  - Visiting Kenyan universities, companies and government stakeholders
  - Needs analysis, clarification of mutual expectations
  - Information about applied sciences
- Workshop in Nairobi “Law and Organization of Business”
  - Workshop on administrative and governance basics for Kenyan university staff
- Scholarships for 3 visiting Kenyan PhD students
  - 6-months scholarships for 3 Kenyan PhD Students
- Hosted at 3 different German universities, exchange about the German and Kenyan university system
- 9th International Learning factories conference in Braunschweig, Germany
  - 8 Kenyan university lecturers participated in the conference
  - Presentations on applied teaching, simulations and networking opportunities
- Workshop series “FaLLSIM Didactics” in Germany for Kenyan lecturers
  - 7 Kenyan university lecturers visited four German universities (3 weeks)
  - Teaching sessions on applied education, company visits, simulation exercises, extended
- Expert meeting in Nairobi scheduled for October 25th, 2019

### Project Results

- Networks with Kenyan universities, businesses and government stakeholders have been established
- Needs and interest of the Kenyan counterparts have been identified
- Intercultural understanding has been strengthened
- Kenyan government and business stakeholders are sensitized about the concept of Applied Sciences
- Kenyan university lecturers are knowledgeable about Applied Research and Teaching and have experienced Applied Education in Germany

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**Implementing Partners**

- Rhein-Waal University of Applied Sciences
- University of Nairobi

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**Sustainability & Synergies**

The second phase of the project is envisaged to start in November 2019 and will entail the creation of an German East-African Advisory Board bringing together experts from academia, industry and government.

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