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Tanzania: Speech-Language Pathology on the Way in East Africa

Since May 2012, the Leibniz University of Hanover and the Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) in Lushoto, Tanzania have been collaborating on a research project funded by DAAD's "Welcome to Africa" programme. The aim of the cooperation is to jointly establish a 'Child Development Lab' for intervention studies in the field of early childhood education and health as well as inclusive education. The research project is conducted on the base of German-Tanzanian research tandems representing all levels from management to undergraduate students.

German-Tanzanian "Welcome to Africa" team: Prof. Lüdtke, Josephat Semkiwa, Ulrike Schütte

The methodology and first results of the project were presented during the 5th East African Conference on Communication Disability in September in Mombasa. Prof. Lüdtke and Ulrike Schütte from Leibniz University and Josephat Semkiwa from SEKOMU presented their experiences and exchanged ideas with an international scientific community and distinguished experts in the field of communication and speech-language pathology.

Under their supervision, eight students from Hanover continued the collaboration afterwards with the Tanzanian Master students in Lushoto. In April 2013, eight Master students from SEKOMU had travelled to Germany to start the joint intercultural and scientific work. These preparations are now put into practice in Tanzania.

We would be delighted to receive many participants at the 6th East African Conference on Communication Disability in September 2015, which will be jointly hosted by SEKOMU and Leibniz University Hanover in Arusha, Tanzania.

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