



60 years of German-Kenyan diplomatic relations 50 Years of German-East African Science and Research Cooperation

Status quo and perspectives

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The DAAD regional office has now turned 50 years old. For half a century, the DAAD through its staff, lecturers, and a large alumni network, has been providing information in Eastern Africa about Germany as a choice destination for higher education study and research, and advising on funding opportunities, scholarships and university cooperation. Germany enjoys a good reputation as an economic, political, and universities partner country.



The German-East African academic relations, together with the 60 years of diplomatic relations, have shaped the biographies of many alumni and are visible in the regional diversity, including the diversity of cultures, disciplines and academic traditions.



Megatrends Afrika: African states and societies are undergoing profound transformations. Global megatrends are driving or influencing such processes of transformation. Megatrends are long-term structural changes that largely escape political control. They have profound effects on social, economic, and political orders. The project “Megatrends Afrika” seeks to develop ideas for German and European cooperation with African partners that help to make ongoing transformations fairer and more sustainable. Megatrends Afrika is a joint project of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), the German Institute for Development and Sustainability (IDOS) and the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW).



The Federal Ministry of Research and Education launched Research in Germany in 2006 through which it supports targeted measures to promote Germany as a leading destination location for research and innovation. The key aim is to raise awareness of the opportunities which Germany offers to international researchers and innovators. The BMBF funds a consortium of the German Academic Exchange Service, German Research Foundation and Fraunhofer under the Research in Germany initiative.



Programme

08:30 Start of the livestream: [Click here to join](#)

09:00 Welcome Addresses

09:15 Keynote

What's next for Kenya/East Africa – Germany relations – political reflections. How can we find common solutions to the opportunities and challenges are we facing? What's in for us for the coming years?

9:45 Group Photo

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10.15 Panel Discussion:

The status quo of the East-African -German diplomatic, academic and societal relations: How has our partnership evolved over the past 60 years

Parallel: **Mentimeter**

The app focuses on online participation and allows questions to be answered anonymously. With the "Mentimeter", we want to establish a direct and immediate connection with the audience and actively involve the audience in the discussion. We thus create an interactive experience where everyone can vote, ask questions and interact.

12.00 – 13:15 Break

13:30 Presentations: Overview of research landscapes

- 1) The German Research Landscape
Questions & Answers from the Plenum
- 2) The East-African Research Landscape
Questions & Answers from the Plenum



14.30 Panel Discussion:

Perspectives for the East-African -German relations: How do changing geopolitical realities shape our relations, how do we deal with other global actors, which perspectives for closer cooperation do we see in the areas of climate change, digitalization, future technologies, new forms of (research and political) cooperation?

Parallel: **Mentimeter**

16.00 Conclusion

16:30 - 17:15 Break

Poster-Walk: Networking and Exchange

17.30 End of the conference