

[Centre for International Academic Collaborations \(KIWi\)](#)

KIWi Match: Health care studies – Ghana and Germany

7th December 2023

12:00 pm -14:30 pm (German time)

11:00 am -13:30 pm (Ghanaian time)

Duration: 2,5 h

Event format

The moderated matchmaking event will bring together HEI representatives from Germany and Ghana in the field of health care studies who are interested in setting up links and exchanging ideas on possible collaborations. The online-event hosted by KIWi and the DAAD Information Centre in Ghana will take place via Webex and will encompass a plenary discussion as well as break-out sessions in order to explore collaboration potentials in smaller and thematically matched groups.

Target audience

University representatives from Germany and Ghana, particularly universities of applied sciences, as well as representatives of research institutions (including directors, researchers, science managers, international offices, research departments, training hospitals, and transfer offices) active in the field of health care and medical services.

Event language

English

Background

The DAAD Centre for International Academic Collaborations (KIWi) has recently expanded its events portfolio to include matchmaking events. After *KIWi Connect & Match: Entrepreneurship in Jordan and Germany* in January 2023, KIWi is now focusing on German-Ghanaian collaboration opportunities in the field of health care studies.

Ghanaian and German HEI are cooperating successfully in currently over 50 partnerships¹ on a wide spectrum of subject areas and research topics. Scientific cooperation can be expected to intensify further. One indicator for this is the newly founded Ghana-NRW University Alliance office in Accra, a consortium of six universities from the federal German state of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW).

Medicine and health care studies are focus areas of scientific collaborations between German and Ghanaian institutions. Cooperations in this field help to solve problems of overlapping global and regional relevance, making cooperations in this field particularly long-standing and sustainable.

¹ according to www.internationale-hochschulkooperationen.de as of June 2023

The first part of the event will focus on academic pathways to health care professions, which will be outlined by experts from both countries. In Germany, the educational pathways to professions in this field are in transformation: Stakeholders are weighing the benefits of a purely academic education against more practice oriented professional education – and trying to find new ways of integrating both. For some subjects (e.g. midwifery) – the shift from practical training through apprenticeships to academic training is well under way. For other fields (e.g. therapy professions) the way forward is still being discussed. In Ghana, academic degree programmes are a common pathway to many health care professions and have been established a long time ago.

The main part of the event introduces potential partner institutions and gives them a platform to discuss collaboration opportunities. Exchange on topics such as curricula development and integration of practical training into study programmes is of high interest for institutions from both countries. All partner institutions benefit from the incorporation of international and intercultural perspectives into their health care education. The KIWI Matchmaking event aims to realise this high potential for successful and sustainable German-Ghanaian collaborations in health care.

Questions that could be discussed in the plenary as well as in the break-out sessions and facilitate a first exchange and getting to know each other are:

- What kind of exchange and collaboration are participants looking for?
- Which experiences have partners gained in previous international collaborations?
- How can academic education and practical training be integrated in academic health care education?
- How can international and intercultural aspects be integrated in the academic health care education?



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Tentative Programme

<p>Start</p> <p>12:00-12:15 pm (German time)</p> <p>11:00-11:15 am (Ghanaian time)</p>	<p><u>Moderation & Welcome</u></p> <p>Lena Leumer DAAD KIWi Senior Desk Officer</p>
<p>12:15 -13:10 pm (German time)</p> <p>11.15 am-12:10 pm (Ghanaian time)</p>	<p><u>Academic pathways to health care professions - perspectives from Germany and Ghana</u></p> <p>Dr Sigrun Nickel Head of Higher Education Research, CHE Centre for Higher Education, Germany (tbc)</p> <p>Prof Lydia Aziato, PhD Vice Chancellor and Professor of Nursing, University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ho, Ghana (tbc)</p>
<p>13:10 -13:40 pm (German time)</p> <p>12:10-12:40 pm (Ghanaian time)</p>	<p><u>Match – Session 1</u></p> <p>[participants in moderated break-out rooms]</p>
<p>13:40 -14:10 pm (German time)</p> <p>12:40-13:10 pm (Ghanaian time)</p>	<p><u>Match – Session 2</u></p> <p>[participants in moderated break-out rooms]</p>
<p>14:10-14:30 pm (German time)</p> <p>13:10-13:30 pm (Ghanaian time)</p>	<p><u>Summary,</u></p> <p><u>Funding options &</u></p> <p><u>Closing remarks</u></p> <p>Lena Leumer DAAD KIWi Senior Desk Officer</p>