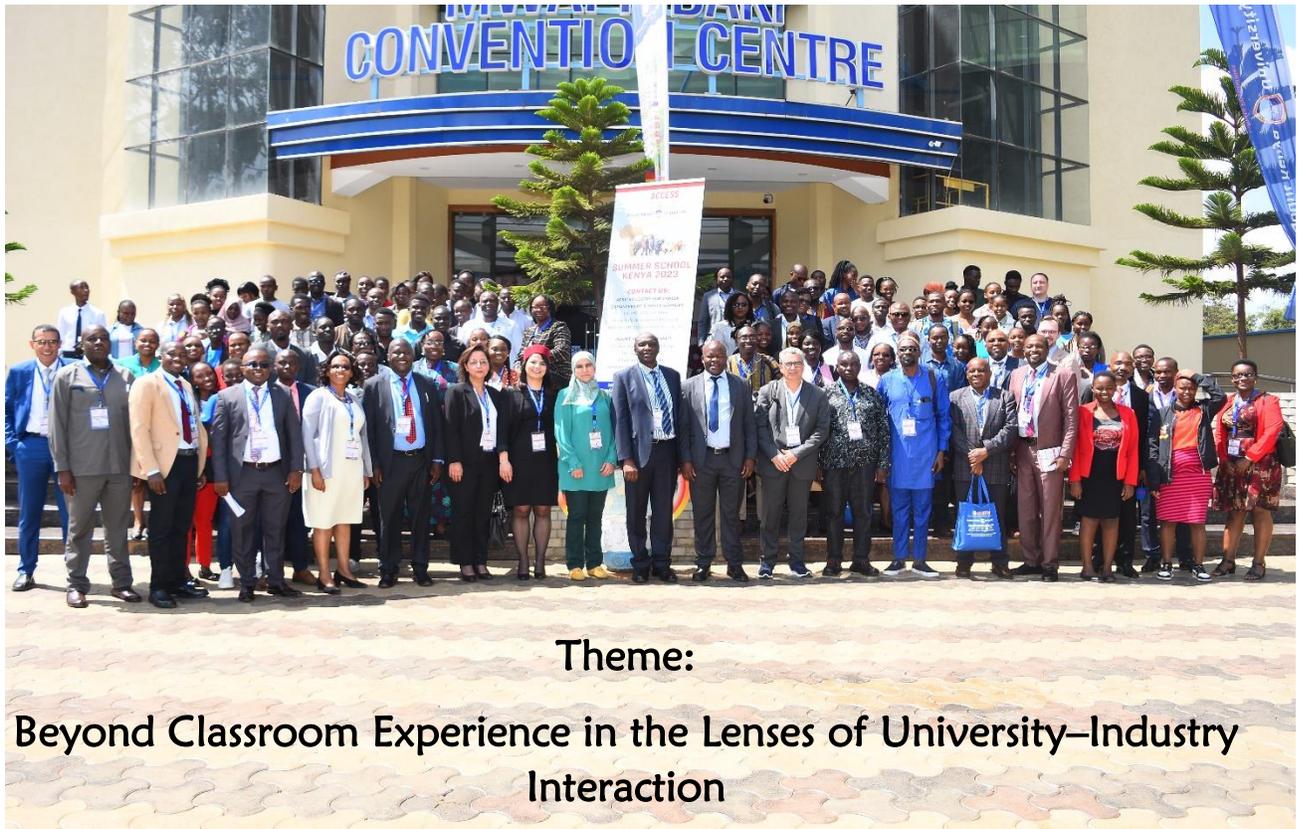




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INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL KENYA 2023

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Theme:

Beyond Classroom Experience in the Lenses of University–Industry Interaction

SUMMARY REPORT

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1.0 Brief Summary

Mount Kenya University hosted 3rd Summer School 2023 at the Mwai Kibaki International Conventional Centre (MKCC) at Mount Kenya University, Main Campus – Thika and at School of Business and Economics, Nairobi Campus. This 5-day workshop saw participants participate in panel discussions, company visits, breakaway discussions and excursions that culminated to the development of tools and strategies for next phase of ACCESS-UBL activities 2024-2025. The workshop brought together, 30 delegates from Germany, Tunisia, Ghana, Nigeria, Benin, Rwanda and Kenya. Previous Summer Schools were held in Ghana, Tunisia and Benin, with the 5th summer school to be held in Abuja from 30th July-4th August 2023.

ACCESS (2020-2024) is a strong network initiated by the University of Leipzig and six African partner universities in 2020 to identify and develop new approaches to the labor market needs in Africa.

The opening ceremony was graced by Prof. Dickson Andala, CEO, National Research Fund, Kenya. Other invited guests and panelists present during the opening ceremony were: Prof. Deogratius Jaganyi (Vice-Chancellor, MKU); Dr. Mercyline Kamande, (Deputy-Vice-Chancellor, Mount Kenya University); Mr. Douglas Kuria, CEO & Managing Director, NeoKenya Mpya Ltd, Kenya; Ms. Miranda Pendo, TVET Coord' KAM; Mr. Stephen Ogenga (MIEEE, FIET-K)-Director General, NITA, Kenya; Prof. Collins Miruka, Director, SBMS, Technical University of Kenya; Dr. Phelista Njeru, Dean School of Business and Economics.

During the International Summer School 2023 in Kenya, the ACCESS network was able to feature on TV 47 Kenya show MORNING CAFE in Nairobi. Three representatives of ACCESS (Dr. Ralph Nyadu-Addo, Dr. Henry Yatich, Dr. Kevin Reuther) introduced the ACCESS project to a broader, Kenya's and international audience.

2.0 Summer School Objectives/UBL Pillar:

1. To strengthen relationships between universities and the private sector.
2. To expand cooperation and knowledge exchange between stakeholders, thus creating a growing/enriching environment and new professional opportunities for African students.
3. To enhance development of organizational structures that adapt to the respective environment and its stakeholders.
4. To promote participatory leadership, innovation and knowledge transfer for sustainable economies

3.0 Summary of Presentations

S/No.	Activity	Presenter	Remarks/Take aways
1.	Overview of ACCESS	Dr. Kevin Reuther, Board Member, ACCESS, University of Leipzig	Participants were taken through the activities and objectives of ACCESS
2.	UBL Space in Kenya: "Overview of University-Industry Interaction in Kenya-Merits and Challenges in the 21st Century"	Ms. Miranda Pendo, TVET Programme Coordinator, Kenya Association of Manufacturers	She highlighted the current status of UBL activities in Kenya
3.	Key Note Speech: "The Networking Nexus in UBL":	Prof. Dickson Andala, CEO, National Research Fund, Kenya	Participants were taken through the role of NACOSTI in HEI and the need to foster more UBL initiatives proactively
4.	Session 1: Panel Table Discussion:- "Service-Learning in UBL: Experiences, Challenges & Strategies in Kenya"	Mr. Douglas Kuria, CEO & Managing Director, NeoKenya Mpya Ltd, Kenya Prof. Dickson Andala, CEO NRF, Kenya Ms. Miranda Pendo, TVET Coord' KAM Prof. Collins Miruka, Director, SBMS, Technical University of Kenya Dr. Phelista Njeru, Dean School of Business and Economics	Participants were invited to share experiences on UBL strategies and how such initiatives can be used to foster more synergies between academia and the private sector.

5.	ACCESS Summer School Breakfast Show-Live on air, YouTube and Facebook	Dr. Henry Yatich, Dr. Kevin Reuther and Dr. Nyaddu-Addo Ralph	ACCESS was introduced to the Kenyan audience
6.	Presentation by partner universities	All 7 partners	This are sessions where partners draw experiences from each other's countries and borrow best practices to be implemented back home
7.	Interactive Session 2: "Problem Solving Approach in Developing Quality Graduates-Opportunities in Industry"	Speaker: Mr. Chris Diaz, Group Director, Bidco Africa, Ltd Kenya	Participants were take through the role of industry and opportunities available for HEIs
8.	Iterative Session 3: "Opportunities in the Digital Economy"	Speaker: Prof. Felix Musau, Dean, Computing Sciences Riara University	This session introduced participants to the digital economy opportunities and how HEIs can work together with tech firms to co-identify and solve problems.
9.	Interactive Session 4: "The Role of Government in Alleviating Unemployment"	Speaker: -Madam Lucy Mathenge, HR Director, Postal Corporation of Kenya	This was a session to introduce participants to government role in supporting HEIs by exploiting opportunities for PPPs
10.	Iterative Session 5: "Curriculum and Labour Market Needs"	Speaker: Mr. Stephen Ogenga (MIEEE, FIET-K)- Director General, NITA, Kenya	This was a session to introduce participants the opportunities for academia to work with interested labour market actors in ensuring programme offering respond to dynamic requirements from the market There was also a suggestion that HEIs

			should also train for international labour market
11.	<p>Iterative Session 6: "World Cafe-Discussion"-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UBL 2. Career Enhancement Strategy 3. Networking Strategy for Stakeholders 4. Transfer/Tools Strategy <p>Participants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Industry participants/Representatives 2. Student participants 3. Access participants 	<p>Bismark Yeboah Kevin Reuther Marcel Liebich Henry Yatich</p>	<p>Participants were led to develop strategies and tools under the four thematic focus of UBL</p> <p>Participants were divided into four groups and were led to develop UBL ideas for the next phase of activities</p>
12.	<p>Interactive Input Session 6: "Collaborative Approaches Among HEIs and Industry"</p>	<p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Alice Kande, Ag. Director, KNQA Kenya 2. Dr. Darius Mogaka, Director, University Education 	<p>Speakers were led to approaches of collaboration among industry and HEIs from MOE perspective</p>
13.	<p>ACCESS Overview</p>	<p>Madam Hellen Opiyo, Commissioner for Labour, Kenya.</p> <p>Mr. Davis Waithaka KEPSA</p>	<p>Participants, were reminded of the role that the consortium can play as a change agent post ACCESS funding period</p> <p>Presenters underscored the need for sustainability of measures currently being implemented, including but not limited to transfer strategies and onboarding other HEIs, GoK and private sector</p>

4.0 Local Partners and Sponsors:

1. Jetlak foods ltd
2. TV 47
3. St. Luke's Cravers Hotel

4. Mount Kenya University Bookshop
5. Java House
6. Ritech Media
7. Utalii Hotel
8. Malbros Industries
9. Thika Greens Golf Club
10. Maxland Hotel
11. Safari Park Hotel and Casino
12. Jumuaia Resort

5.0 Financial Support:

- The summer school is funded by DAAD with financial support from the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).
- Local sponsors supported the workshop 'In kind). This was done via discounted items (assorted food, snacks and accommodation).

6.0 Excursion Tours:

- Participants visited
 - Nairobi National Park
 - KICC
 - Rift Valley Viewpoint
 - 14 falls, Thika
 - KEVIAN Industry, Thika
 - BIC East Africa

Conclusion:

- The committee greatly appreciates the University Management for the immense support in actualizing the summer school.
- All participants were issued with certificates of participations with the sponsors to be issued with certificate of appreciation.
- MKU will continue to forge more active UBL linkages with the participating industries and partners to foster career enhancement and skill support among masters postgraduate students, under the GECESS unit and the MKU innovation and incubation centre

Participants List from 6 Partner Universities:

S/No.	NAME	INSTITUTION	DESIGNATION
1	Prof. Zacharie Kodjo Vissiennon	IRGIB-Africa University-Benin	Board member
2	Robertson Klaingar	IRGIB-Africa University-Benin	Coordinator
3	Flaurice Vidjinnagni	IRGIB-Africa University-Benin	Participant
4	Dr. Mazou Mouaimine	IRGIB-Africa University-Benin	Participant
5	Rosette Christelle Hinnoutondji Vissiennon	IRGIB-Africa University-Benin	Participant
6	Bismark Agyei Yeboah	Leipzig University-Germany	Coordinator
7	Marcel Liebich	Leipzig University-Germany	Coordinator
8	Dr. Kevin Reuther	Leipzig University-Germany	Board member
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12	Dr. AKOMEA, Samuel Yaw	KNUST-Ghana	Participant
13	Mrs. ABOH, Florence Antwiwaah	KNUST-Ghana	Participant
14	Prof. AGYAPONG, Ahmed	KNUST-Ghana	Participant
15	Prof. OTENG-ABAYIE, Eric Fosu	KNUST-Ghana	Participant
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17	Dr. LAWAL ADEMOLA LUKMAN	UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN-NIGERIA	Participant
18	OYELUDE ADETOUN ADEBISI	UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN-NIGERIA	Participant

19	TITUS RACHEL OBONOSE	Obafemi Awolowo University - NIGERIA	Participant
20	GBADEGESIN OPEYEMI ADEWALE	UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN- NIGERIA	Participant
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22	Dr. KAMANA Emmanuel	INES Ruhengeri - Rwanda	Participant
23	Mr. MUNYANEZA Eustache	INES Ruhengeri - Rwanda	Participant
24	Dr. UWILINGIYIMANA Charline	INES Ruhengeri - Rwanda	Participant
25	Mr. Nsengimana Alphonse	RP-IPRC - Rwanda	Participant
26	Dr. CHERRIF Maroua	University of Tunis	Coordinator
27	Prof. Dr. TIZAOUI Hammadi	University of Tunis	Board member
28	Dr. BELKHIRIA EP AYADI Hela	University of Tunis	Participant
29	Dr. HANAFI EP TOUII Anissa	University of Carthage-Tunisia	Participant
30	Dr. HANNACHI Adel	University of Tunis	Participant

Mount Kenya University Organizing Team

1. Dr. Peter Kirira: Board Member
2. Dr. Henry Yatich: Coordinator/Organizing Committee Chair
3. Prof. Peter Wanderi Organizing Committee
4. Dr. Samuel Karenga Organizing Committee
5. Mr. Michael Muchiri Organizing Committee

6. Ms. Jane Kanjuru Organizing Committee
7. Ms. Rose Macharia Organizing Committee
8. Mr. Bonface Murigi Organizing Committee
9. Ms. Rose Masibili Organizing Committee
10. Mr. Michael Nyoro Organizing Committee
11. Ms. Sussyane Miriti Organizing Committee
12. Mr. James Mwangi Organizing Committee
13. Ms. Mephis Muema Organizing Committee
14. Ms. Fiona Oyatsi Organizing Committee
15. Mr. Nichola Mwaura Organizing Committee
16. Mr. Jackson Mutuma Organizing Committee
17. Mr. Amos Ngumbau Organizing Committee
18. Mr. Benjamin Afubwa Organizing Committee
19. Miriam Mbutia Protocol
20. Magdaline Jebet Protocol
21. Zipporah Othaya Protocol
22. Mr. Mwaura Nicholas Partner University-Riara University
23. Dr. Hellen Kabue Partner University, TUK

Other Participants:

1. Mount Kenya University Students
2. Riara University Students
3. TUK students



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