

Open Seminar

New Approaches in Higher Education in Africa: Example of University for Development Studies, Tamale, Ghana

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Brief description of the lecture

She will discuss recent developments in African tertiary education through examples from University for Development Studies (UDS), Ghana, where main emphases is on training of practically oriented experts who are able to integrate community-based approach into their tertiary education. UDS sends between 6,000 – 8,000 undergraduate students for two months during every academic year to communities across Northern Ghana to learn first-hand about rural life. During their stay, students collect valuable data that can be used subsequently by local government, national health programmes, etc. Programme is supervised by local stakeholders as well as academic staff of the UDS. Tracer studies have highlighted the importance of the Third Trimester Field Practical Programme (TTFPP) in increasing graduate's job opportunities as well as fine-tuning their early professional development.



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