



Round Table Educational Cooperation¹

CONFERENCE

Internationalisation and development policy dimensions at universities and universities of applied sciences

April 16 - 17, 2009

University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna

Universität für Bodenkultur Wien, Festsaal

Gregor Mendel-Straße 33, 1180 Wien

Conference by the signatories of the position paper "Educational cooperation with higher education in the context of development cooperation"².

Organisers: Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH), Contact Committee for the Support of Students from Third World Countries (KKS), Universities Austria (uniko, former Austrian Rectors' Conference), Austrian Association of Universities of Applied Sciences (FHK) and others

Programme

Thursday, April 16, 2009

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| 10.00 | Registration |
| 10.30 | Address of welcome
Martin H. Gerzabek (University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Vienna)
Opening
Hubert Dürrstein (OeAD-GmbH), Josef Erbler (KKS)
Words of Greetings
Wolfhard Wegscheider (uniko - Forum Internationales)
Raimund Ribitsch (FHK) |
| 11.00 | Opening Keynote I (English)
Internationalisation- opportunities and pitfalls in university transnational education developments
Geoffrey COPLAND, University of Westminster, London |
| 11.45 | Opening Keynote II (English)
The benefits of tertiary education partnerships and cooperation with developing countries
Narciso MATOS, Foundation for Community Development in Mozambique

Questions
<u>Chair:</u> Margarita Langthaler
(Austrian Research Foundation for International Development) |

¹ The Round Table Educational Cooperation involves 15 Austrian public and private institutions dealing with students from developing countries at Austrian universities. For further information please see publication "Educational cooperation with higher education in the context of development cooperation"

² www.kks-bza.at > Publikationen: "Educational cooperation with higher education in the context of development cooperation" - Executive Summary (in English)

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- 13.00 Lunch break
- 14.30 Panel discussion with (Austrian) experts
Internationalisation and development at universities – the Austrian situation
 (German)
 Karin Fischer (Mattersburger Kreis)
 Özlem Onaran (Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration),
 Simron Jit Singh (University of Vienna)
 Sonja Puntischer-Riekmann (uniko), Eva Werner (FHK)
 Barbara Weitgruber (Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research)
 Reinhold Gruber (Austrian Federal Ministry for European and Foreign Affairs)
Chair: Brigitte Voykowitsch (Journalist at the Austrian Broadcasting Company, writer)
- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.30 **Presentation of the first Round Table Report** (German)
 Current state of Austrian universities and universities of applied sciences; developments and changes since 2006 with regard to the recommendations expressed in the position paper “Educational cooperation with higher education in the context of development cooperation”
 Erich Thöni (University of Innsbruck), Gerhard Bittner (Austrian Research Foundation for International Development)
- 17.00 **Networking: Austrian universities/universities of applied sciences and actors in Austrian development policy and cooperation – a theoretical encounter.**
 Academic institutions and civil society institutions present their spheres of action by means of poster sessions. (German)
 The poster exhibition offers the opportunity for a personal exchange and for a creative contemplation of possible new ways of co-operation.
Introduction and chair:
 Wilfried Schönböck (Technical University Vienna)
 Friedbert Ottacher (Licht für die Welt)
 Judith Zimmermann-Höbl (Co-ordination Office of the Austrian Episcopal Conference for international Development and Mission)
- 18.30 Transport to Wirtschaftskammer Österreich (WKO), 1045 Wien, Wiedner Hauptstraße 63
- 19.00 **Reception** at the WKO
Opening by Johannes Hahn (Federal Minister for Science and Research)
to be confirmed

Friday, April 17, 2009

- 9.00 Panel discussion (English)
Universities and development policy: innovative approaches and good practice models.
 Achievements and exchange of experience (research approaches, cooperations, networks, mobility, exchange)
 Ad Boeren (NUFFIC, NL)
 Sophal CHUONG (Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia)
 Michael Hauser (University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Research for Development Forum)
 Helmut Spitzer (University of Applied Sciences Carinthia)
 Walter Schicho (study course International Development, University of Vienna)
 Claudio Valsangiacomo (Conference of Universities of Applied Sciences, Switzerland)
Chair: Gudrun Lettmayer (JOANNEUM RESEARCH)



10.30 Coffee break

11.00 - 13.00 Parallel Workshops - **Universities and responsibility in development**

WORKSHOP I: (German) Development policy objectives in the internationalisation strategies and development plans of the universities and universities of applied sciences

Development policy objectives between theoretical claim and the reality of the academic daily routine – starting points for specific implementations – short-, medium- and long-term perspectives

Chair: Erich Thöni (University of Innsbruck, chairman of the Round Table)

Short Introductions: Barbara Weitgruber (Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research), Wolfgang Wegscheider (UNIKO - Forum Internationales), Kurt Koleznik (FHK), Walter Schicho (study course International Development, University of Vienna), Gerhard Glatzel (ÖAW)

WORKSHOP II: (German) Processes of internationalisation and aspects of teaching

The „international lecture hall“, internationalisation at home, intercultural/transcultural learning, global learning, further education within the universities, participatory research-oriented teaching – possibilities / chances for a continuing implementation?

Chair: Representative FH Campus Wien

Short introductions: Helmuth Hartmeyer (Austrian Development Agency), Monika Rummler (Technical University Berlin), Barbara Hinterstoisser (uniko), Oskar Müller (FH Vorarlberg)

WORKSHOP III: (English) The role of students from developing countries in the internationalisation and their importance in the development policy context

Framework conditions for students (legal regulations, support measures / scholarship programmes, integration and re-integration measures, ...) – connexion between students from developing countries and development policy-related activities / projects in target countries? – coherence of policies, measures, programmes – approaches for overall concepts?

Chair: Josef Erbler (KKS)

Short introductions: Kambiz Ghawami (WUS Germany), Kalpana Giri (Nord-Süd-Dialog- scholarship recipient), Jesse Ojobor (Eine Welt- scholarship recipient), Reinhold Gruber (Austrian Federal Ministry for European and Foreign Affairs), Elke Stinnig (OeAD-GmbH)

13.00 **Reports from the workshops:** outcomes and open questions

13.30 Summary and prospects – concluding remarks
Conference outcomes and the discourse of internationalisation in the international context (German)
Bernd Overwien (University of Kassel)

14.00 Lunch
end of the conference