



Uganda-Saxony Partnership

The Uganda Saxony Partnership is a project that seeks to foster and promote cooperation between Civil Society Organisations and education institutions in Uganda with Civil Society Organisations and education institutions in the Free State of Saxony in Germany.

The project is coordinated by Katosi Women Development Trust (KWDT) on the Ugandan side and Development Network Policy (Entwicklungspolitisches Netzwerk Sachsen ENS e.V) on the side of Germany. The project is funded by Free State of Saxony through ENS.

The partnership project started in May 2023 following the visit of the German delegation led by the State Minister of the Free State of Saxony in July 2022 to Katosi Women Development Trust. After the delegation visit in 2022, a decision was made to strengthen cooperation between CSOs and education institutions in the Free State of Saxony with the CSOs and education institutions in Uganda by establishing a Ugandan coordination office to enhance coordination with CSOs in Germany.

The project coordination commenced this year in July with the German delegation visit led by the State Minister, Mr. Oliver Schenk from 9th -16th July 2023. The delegation comprised of 35 people included politicians, businesses, educationists and CSOs who explored on areas of partnership with Ugandan businesses, schools and CSOs visiting Hoima, Kampala, Mukono and Gulu.

KWDT was responsible for coordinating the CSOs and schools. Among the schools visited by the Germany CSOs and educationists to explore partnerships included: -

1. St. Simon vocational school Hoima
2. St. Micheal Lubaga Hospital Training school- Kampala
3. Kololo Secondary School- Kampala
4. Hill Preparatory School – Kampala
5. Mbeya island
6. St. Balikudeembe Primary school- Mukono
7. Kisowera Primary School Mukono
8. Uganda Christian University Mukono
9. Zollikon Vocational Training Centre
10. Kasawo College of Business and Technical Education
11. Nakawa College of Business and Technical Education
12. Slow Food Uganda

Networking workshop:

During the delegation visit, KWDT also organized a networking workshop that brought together the CSOs and schools to discuss ideas and strategies to shape the Uganda – Saxony partnership project and future collaborations. The workshop was conducted at GIZ country offices in Nakasero attended by 35 participants from different organisations and schools.

Progress on collaborations

Upon successful visits and exchange between Uganda and Germany organisations and schools, KWDT has been supporting German partners to start their collaborations with the Ugandan CSOs and schools. The following are the collaborations in progress;

1. Bildungswerk der Saechsichen Wirtschaft (BSW): Ms. Manja Huebner and her team will travel to Uganda from 29th October 2023 to conduct a vocational skills training (welding courses) at St. Simon Vocational School and explore possibility of future partnerships.
2. Peter-Breuer-Gymnasium, Zwickau represented by Mr. Thomas Wagner, Mr. Martin McCall have started a discussion exploring on how to establish a partnership with St. Balikuddembe School in Kisoga which will focus on exchange of cultural and environmental conservation as key areas of the partnership.
3. St. Benno Gymnasium, Dresden represented by Mr. Volker Milde, and the Big-Band are in close cooperation with Jesuit Refugee Service Uganda (JRS). JRS has (since one year) taken over unused school site in Pagirinya Refugee Settlement from a Japanese NGO. JRS has received funding to renovate the site, buy equipment and build 2 dormitories from the Free State of Saxony.
4. Campus Cordis Secondary school, Dresden have started exploring a possibility of establishing partnership with Kololo Senior Secondary school.

Coordination

1. KWDT conducts regular meetings with the collaborating partner ENS from Saxony where updates on the requests from Saxonian organisations and schools are assessed and matched with interests of the Ugandan organisations and schools.
2. KWDT is facilitating Uganda CSOs and schools to develop ideas/proposals for presentation to the Saxonian partners as potential areas of collaboration.

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