

By 2035, Africa successfully generates innovations and creates sustainable prosperity

Applied Sciences are the key

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Practice-oriented training at both the vocational and academic levels is an important political goal for all African countries. This is the only path to innovative and sustainable development, to which Germany can contribute.

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The German model of universities of applied sciences (UAS model) is the most suitable template for tertiary education in Africa. It has a unique value proposition: its practice- and demand-oriented education is built on feedback from the industry. The transfer of this philosophy together with African institutions of higher education has proven to be beneficial and needs to be promoted.

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Close interaction between industry and academia must relate to the realities of life in African societies. German UAS can contribute to a paradigm shift leading to a greater appreciation of occupationally relevant qualifications as well as practice- and application-oriented research.

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African countries' potential for innovation is very high. Entrepreneurship education and a start-up infrastructure must be integrated at universities, which also promotes women in particular. This will benefit both the African and the German partners, especially small and medium-sized enterprises.

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UAS are low-threshold drivers of innovation and are quick to transfer new technologies into practice. This makes them particularly suitable for promoting the economic development of the partner countries through cooperation on an equal footing with Germany.