



Delegates from Bonn Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences (Germany) and the University of Cape Coast (Ghana) were hosted by IDS in a workshop to explore and develop academic collaboration in various thematic areas.

The fact finding mission to Kenya, “towards a South-South-North (S-S-N) Academic Cooperation,” drew scholars from BRSU’s International Centre for Sustainable Development (IZNE) and UCC’s Institute for Development Studies and Department of Management Studies, School of Business.

The workshop, whose focus was on sustainable development, was preceded by the delegates’ courtesy call and briefing at IDS, UoN, as well as a meeting with the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor Prof George Magoha.

Presentations and discussions were on four thematic areas namely: Sustainable technologies: Focus on renewable energy and energy efficient uses; Entrepreneurship and sustainable economic development; Responsible business: sustainable food; and social protection systems and health.

The cooperation is planned to run at the university level and also between the three respective institutes at the University of Nairobi, University of Cape Coast and Bonn Rhein-Sieg University. It aims at establishing an interdisciplinary collaboration for practical research and teaching for sustainable development, based on the model of successful cooperation between IZNE and IDS-Ghana.

IDS Director Prof Winnie Mitullah officially welcomed the delegates to the two-day workshop, on 18th and 19th November, at the Confucius Institute. The director urged the scholars from the three institutions to identify successful areas in their respective researches and teaching for mutual collaboration.

The German delegation was led by IZNE Director Prof Wiltrud Terlua and comprised Prof Stefanie Meilinger, Prof Katja Bender, Dr Darya Hirsch and Mr Henry Ajathi. The Ghanaian delegation head was Prof John Mensah, the IDS Director and S-N-N Coordinator. Other delegates were Dr Rosemond Bohhene and Dr Joseph Agyenim.

The IDS-UoN team consisted Prof Patrick Alila, Prof Rosemary Atieno, Dr Rachael Musyoki, Dr Radha Upadhyaya, Dr Joseph Onjala (S-S-N Coordinator), and Mr Geoffrey Njeru.