



IDS Study Unveils Findings on Free Speech and Governance



Participants at the Afrobarometer Round 5 Global Release findings conference held in Nairobi on 16th October, 2013 at the Nairobi Safari Club.

Associate Research Professor and Senior Research Fellow, respectively, at the Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi.

Some 51,605 individuals in 34 African countries were interviewed and this represented the views of approximately three quarters of the continent's population.

Freedom and Governance

The study established strong correlations between freedom of expression and good governance. "People who indicate they are free to say what they think also report higher levels of trust in their leaders, lower levels of corruption, and better government performance, especially greater success in fighting corruption," says the study report.

The researchers observed that greater freedom of expression is also linked to mass media that are more effective in keeping a watchful eye on the government. "It is possible that capable, effective and trustworthy governments also grant greater freedoms to their people and media. Alternatively, when

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51,605 individuals in 34 African countries surveyed in Afrobarometer research

The Institute for Development Studies released the Afrobarometer Round 5 Global Release findings on freedom of speech, sources of news and information and the spread of communication technologies in Africa.

The findings were released in Nairobi on October 16 2013 and are detailed in a report entitled "The Partnership of Free Speech and Good Governance in Africa", authored by Prof Winnie Mitullah and Dr Paul Kamau. The scholars are

ACET Research Outlines Road Safety and Sanity Measures

IDS hosted stakeholders at a conference in Nairobi last month to discuss findings on Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) and paratransit research conducted in the last five years.

The research was conducted under the auspices of African Centre of Excellence in Public and

Non-motorised Transport (ACET). Its conceptualisation was informed by challenges of poor public transport in most African cities, including Nairobi County.

The researchers and stakeholders, drawn from the public and private sector as well as local and international NGOs,

exchanged ideas and made proposals for informing policy and decision making relevant for improving the urban road transport sector to restore safety and sanity.

The conference's theme was "Enabling Mobility in Nairobi. Policy, Regulations and Practice." IDS Researchers Prof Dorothy

McCormick and Prof Winnie Mitullah presented findings on paratransit (matatu) business strategies and compliance, and challenges of mainstreaming NMT in policy planning in Nairobi, respectively. The conference was held at the Nairobi Safari Club,

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Director's Message

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the latest issue of *IDS Newsletter*. As the year comes to an end, it's time to take stock of the Institute's academic and outreach endeavours and this Newsletter captures some of them.

Many others remain undocumented but continue making impact locally and internationally to fulfill our mission to be the leading centre of excellence for development research, teaching, training, consultancy and advisory services on issues of policy, practical and academic concerns.

In the last half of the year, IDS made tremendous strides in its quest to remain the premier research institution on the continent. This is manifested in some of our projects which transcend national and regional barriers.

For instance, IDS recently unveiled the Afrobarometer Round 5 Global Release findings on freedom of speech, sources of news and information and the spread of communication technologies in Africa. The research was done across 34 countries on the continent in a survey involving 51,505 respondents.

We have successfully undertaken a five-year study on the private-sector character of paratransit operations to understand

how paratransit operators' business strategies affect government's ability to implement change in the transport sector.

The study was done under the auspices of The African Centre of Excellence for Studies in Public and Non-motorised Transport (ACET). Out of a global network of eight centres of excellence in transport funded through this programme, ACET is the first to be based in Africa.

IDS has also concluded a study on social movements in East Africa. The study created a forum for the cross-fertilization of ideas between academia and the civil society practitioners to facilitate a healthy exchange of ideas between theory and practice of social movements in the region. The study was unique, given that little has been studied and documented in the region concerning social movements.

Our quest to continue forging collaborations with other academic and donor institutions is relentless. These are some of the success stories that we share with you in our Newsletter.

As we approach the festive season, on behalf of IDS, I wish you abundant blessings.

Prof Winnie Mitullah
Director, IDS

IDS Study Points Way to Road Safety, Sanity

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Lilian Towers, on 12 November 2013.

Under business strategies, the study explored how the diverse strategies of matatu operators result in variations in regulatory compliance. It was based on 15 case studies of matatu businesses.

"One of the study's most important findings is that the business strategies of these matatu operators are much more varied than previously thought and this variation has implications for their compliance with existing transport regulations," the researchers reported.

The study established that no study firm case was fully compliant or totally non compliant. Firms complied with some regulations and ignored others or complied with a given regulation and other times found a way around it.

It was also established that compliance is not necessarily related to vehicle size. And to avoid corruption, the study suggested elimination of situations in which regulators and/or enforcers are in situations in which their personal interests conflict with the interests of those they regulate or control.

Regarding Non-Motorised Transport, the study found out that the NMT mode is inadequately provided for and the limited infrastructure

does not provide the shortest route to a destination. The infrastructure, which is largely provided alongside motorised roads, is poorly located, maintained and inappropriately designed.

The study suggested several Governance and management intervention measures. It called for operationalising the provisions of the National Integrated Transport Policy (NITP) by developing transport strategy for achieving policy objectives espoused in the NITP.

The City County of Nairobi was urged to provide for NMT in city policy and embed the same in the Integrated Development Plan, and public transport work plans. The study observed that enabling mobility through NMT requires a fundamental change in urban governance and attitude and bias among bureaucrats and urged creation of awareness and enforcement of regulations related to NMT.

The ACET team is led by Prof Winnie Mitullah. It is composed of Prof Dorothy McCormick (IDS); Prof Preston Chitere (UoN); Prof Wilson Odero (Maseno University); Dr Mary Kinyanjui (IDS); Dr Risper Orero (Kenya Methodist University); Romanus Opiyo (Uon); Japheths Ogendi (Maseno University); George Makajuma (AfDB); Marilyn Ommeh (IDS); and Simon Miringu (UoN).



IDS staff and stakeholders in Non Motorised Transport and paratransit research project pose for a group photo after the conference held on 12th November 2013 at the Nairobi Safari Club.

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16 Students Join the Institute

Sixteen students have joined IDS to pursue Master of Arts degree in Development Studies in the 2013-2014 academic year.

The Institute's Director Prof Winnie Mitullah welcomed the students during the orientation ceremony and urged them to complete their studies within the stipulated period. The director emphasized academic integrity, noting that the issue of plagiarism is taken seriously by both IDS and the University of Nairobi.

MA Programme Coordinator Dr Joseph Onjala introduced the new students to courses offered at IDS. He congratulated the students for making the cut, noting that

they had been selected in a highly competitive process out of hundreds of other applicants who had expressed interest in the popular programme.

Dr Rachel Musyoki urged the budding scholars to be dedicated to their studies. She cautioned them against abandoning their studies at the project stage because of the temptation to seek lucrative employment.

The Examinations Coordinator at IDS, Prof Rosemary Atieno, appealed to the students to take their class work seriously and exercise self-discipline. She said examination of students is a continuous process that begins immediately they enter class on the first day. The same



Some of the students who joined IDS this year to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Development Studies. The programme equips students with theoretical, strategic, and practical knowledge on development issues.

sentiments were echoed by Dr Paul Kamau and Dr Godwin Murunga, who urged the students to make use of the enormous resources at their

disposal at IDS and the main library. Also present during the welcome session were Dr Paul Michuki and Dr Radha Upadhyaya.

IDS Welcomes New Staff Members

Dr Godwin Murunga, Dr Radha Upadhyaya and Ms Rosemary M. Nzuve are the newest staff members at the Institute for Development Studies.

Dr Murunga came on-board as Senior Research Fellow. He holds a BA and MA from Kenyatta University and an MA and Ph.D in History from Northwestern University, USA. The scholar is also the Deputy Director of the African Leadership Centre, a joint initiative of King's College London and the Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi.

Before joining IDS, Dr Murunga was a Lecturer at Kenyatta University. He is a former Executive Committee Member of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) and is widely published in a number of international journals.

Dr Radha Upadhyaya is an economist with extensive teaching experience at School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. She joined IDS as Research fellow. She is teaching a course on Re-



Dr Godwin Murunga



Dr Radha Upadhyaya



Ms Rosemary M. Nzuve

search Foundations and is a member of Successful African Firms and Institutional Change research project.

The scholar is a development economist with unique combination of research, teaching, public policy and

private sector experience and has been involved in policy reform, the restructuring of a failed Kenyan bank, and has also served on the board of the Institute of Economic Affairs. Currently she is a member of the Programme Investment Committee (Board) of the Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDK).

Dr Upadhyaya has PhD and MSc from SOAS, University of London, and BA from University of Cambridge. She is also a CFA Charterholder. Before joining IDS, she was working as consultant for the World Bank.

Ms Nzuve joined IDS in August 2013 as an Administrative Assistant. She brings to the Institute 10-year experience in administration gained from the Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR), especially in report writing, budget preparation, project administration and reporting, and monitoring and evaluation. She holds a Bachelors degree in Human Resource Management from the University of South Africa (UNISA).

Prof Alila Honoured By Nihon Fukushi University in Japan

The Nihon Fukushi University in Nagoya, Japan, feted Prof Patrick Alila in recognition of his distinguished academic achievements in the field of social well being advancement.

The university's President, Dr Sachio Kato, commended Prof Alila for advice and services rendered to the Graduate School of International Social Development for more than a decade. "We hereby cite you for immense international contribution to this field," observed Dr Kato in a special citation to mark the 10th anniversary celebrations at the Nihon Fukushi University in Nagoya, Japan.

Alila, a research professor at IDS, was designated Guest Professor at Graduate School of International Social Development in 2001. The school offers a Master's Programme in International Social Development and conducts residential seminars on thematic area studies in Kenya, India and the Philippines.

Thematic seminar, Nairobi

The latest Kenyan seminar was held from 19th to 25th August 2013 in Nairobi and its study theme was "African Regional Planning for Sustainable Development. During the Seminar, Prof Alila presented a paper entitled: "African Perspective on Development: Issues and Challenges." The students visited Machakos County to study community group projects comprising environmental conservation, horticultural irrigation farming and

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IDS Scholars Participate in Key Co



Dr Rachel Musyoki

IDS Collaboration

Dr Musyoki participated in a workshop hosted by IDS to explore and develop academic collaboration with Bonn

Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences (Germany) and the University of Cape Coast (Ghana).

The workshop's focus was on sustainable development and involved presentations and discussions on four thematic areas. Dr Musyoki made a presentation on social protection systems and health. Delegates from the German and Ghanaian universities attended the workshop held on 18th and 19th November at the University of Nairobi.

Service delivery

The IDS Senior Research fellow also participated at the Nairobi Slums Service Delivery Governor's Roundtable at the invitation of the Citizens Against Violence

(CAVI) and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) on 11th October 2013 at the Hotel Intercontinental, Nairobi.

The conference brought together key stakeholders in slums development to deliberate service delivery crisis after the March 2013 General Election and identify roles of each actor towards improvement of the protection of socio economic rights in the slums.

Poverty eradication

The Poverty Eradication Commission and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung also invited Dr Musyoki to participate at a policy roundtable on the eradication of poverty. The event was held on 18th September 2013 at Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi.



Dr George Michuki

NACADA forums

During the second National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) National Conference on Alcohol and Drug Abuse held on June, 2013, Dr Michuki made a presentation on "Producing for Who? The Khat Question in Kenya." The paper discusses the socio-economic and health effects of miraa consumption, the regulatory regime governing miraa production, distribution sale, and consumption. The study found out that more than 70% of the respondents consider khat a drug, while the level

of acceptability is even higher.

Dr Michuki was also a resource person for NACADA on the socio-economic effects of khat during a forum with the Parliamentary Committee on Khat held on Tuesday 8th, October 2013.

Clothing industry

The IDS Research Fellow made a presentation on "The Policy Fit in Kenya's Textile and Clothing Industry" during the Kenya Bureau of Standards Conference on Textiles and Leather Sectors, on August 29, 2013.

Nihon Fukushi University Honours Prof Alila

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women micro enterprise activities.

IDS researchers have been resource persons for the Graduate School of International Social Development, notably Dr Mary Kinyanjui on gender issues in rural community development.

At the symposium to mark the 10th anniversary celebrations, Prof Alila made a presentation entitled "African Recent Development Experience: Social Development for Community Welfare in Per-



Prof Patrick Alila (left) pays attention during the citation in his honour by the Nihon Fukushi University President Dr Sachio Kato (right), in Nagoya, Japan.

spective." During the presentation, the scholar outlined challenges directly linking education, health and productivity to poverty.

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Conferences Locally and Overseas

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Prof Winnie Mitullah

ground paper on interactive media in Kenya and preliminary findings of the Kenya PIMA survey, which indicates that liberalization of political space in Kenya has resulted in an increase of media outlets that encourage citizens to interact with media as form of expressing opinion on issues of concerns.

ACET Expansion, Cape Town

Prof Mitullah attended the last Governing Board of the project in Cape Town between 15th and 16th August, 2013, and presented the status and outputs of the Kenya component of African Centre of Excellence for Studies in Public and Non-Motorised Transport (ACET).

Overall, the project has enabled IDS during the last five years to engage with stakeholders in the public transport sector, and to begin influencing policy and practice. This has been done through

publications, seminars and consultations. Other international organizations and agencies focusing on transport issues such as the African Development Bank, JICA, World Bank, UNEP have also been working very closely with IDS.

Media Conference, Oslo

The IDS Director also attended Nordmedia 2013 Conference in Oslo, Norway, on 7th – 12th August, 2013. She presented a paper entitled: "Mobile Phones and Women's Advancement in Mathare Low Income Settlement in Nairobi, Kenya."

Home Engagements

At the local scene, Prof Mitullah was a panelist as follows:

29th October, 2013: Policy Notes Launch of World Bank publication on 'Achieving Shared Prosperity in Kenya.' Responded to the Human Development and Resilience aspects of the publication.

26th August, 2013. Enhancing Gender Equity in Leadership and Management of Higher Education. Taifa Hall University of Nairobi.

3rd September, UoN RRI on Role of the University on Nairobi in Implementation of the Constitution: The University Council, Management and Senate Sensitization, presented on the theme of Devolution and Finance. Central Catering Unit (CCU), University of Nairobi.



Dr Paul Kamau

Johannesburg meeting to discuss and prepare the first Cities Alliance strategy for its work in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The South African meeting was held in the wake of a forum held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which launched the Af-

rican Urban Research Initiative (AURI) and commissioned research in five focus areas. At the Johannesburg meeting, held from 14 to 16 October 2013, Dr Kamau presented a paper in one of the focus areas: "Developing information systems, producing and managing accurate and relevant data."

The paper examined how to strengthen national governments, local governments and urban organizations in terms of skills and capacities needed to provide and manage information and data to effectively respond to urban growth.

The Cities Alliance is a global partnership for urban poverty reduction and the promotion of the role of cities in sustainable development. Its overall strategic objectives are to support cities in providing effective local government, an active citizenship and an economy characterized by both public and private investment.



Prof Rosemary Atieno

MDGS assessment, Nairobi

Prof Atieno participated in the national forum on the post-2015 development organised by the Ministry of Devolution and Planning through the Millennium Development Goal implementation unit. The June forum assessed MDGs achievements and the future development framework after 2015. One of the objectives of the forum was to maintain the momentum for accelerating progress towards 2015, while taking stock of the lessons learnt. During the two day forum, Prof Atieno presented a paper: "What should be included in the post 2015 development Agenda."

Beyond Rio+20, Accra

A conference on "Beyond Rio+20: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities" was held in Accra Ghana, between 20-22 November 2013. The conference drew from the ongoing processes on the post-MDGs taking place globally, which are expected to lead to a development agenda taking into account the Rio+20 outcomes. The conference was organised by the Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR Senegal), the Institute of Statistics, Social and Economic Research (ISSEER, University of Ghana), and the United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA). At the conference, Prof Atieno presented a paper entitled "Does growth lead to decent jobs?" It analysed the drivers of economic growth in Kenya and the type of employment generated by such growth.

2014 Economic Report

The IDS Associate Research Professor is among a team of African researchers currently conducting background country study for the 2014 Economic Report for Africa (ERA 2014). The ERA is a flagship project of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) produced annually. The ERA 2014, whose theme is "Industrial Policy Processes and Mechanisms for Africa's Transformation," builds on the ERA 2013 theme: "Making the Most of Africa's Commodities." It focuses on the gaps between rhetoric and performance of industrial policy in Africa.

The Institute for Development Studies has concluded a three-year study on social movements in East Africa.

The study, "Rethinking Social Movements in East Africa", was funded by the Ford Foundation and coordinated under the stewardship of Professors Njuguna Ng'ethe and Karuti Kanyinga.

The purpose of the study was to generate knowledge on how to build and sustain social movements. It inquired into the conditions that give rise to social movements and those that lead to the fall or expiry of social movements; created the opportunity for CSO actors to interact with academia on social movements in Kenya and Uganda in order to promote healthy debates and sharing of knowledge on social movements; and generated practice-informed knowledge to help shape the form and nature of engagements between the CSOs and the society in East Africa.

Apart from IDS, the study drew participants from the Department of Political Science, University of Nairobi, and members of the Faculty of Social Science, Makerere University in Uganda.

The individual researchers were Mr Samuel Kiiru, Prof Murindwa Rutanga, Dr Ssalle Kayunga, Dr Joshua Kivuva, Dr Musambayi Katumanga, Dr Adams Oloo, Dr George Michuki, Mr Geoffrey R. Njeru, Mr Herbert Wamalwa and Ms Pauline Wambua.

The researchers worked with a number of key civil society

Study on Social Movements in East Africa Concluded



IDS staff and representatives of social movements pose for a group photo after attending the internal validation workshop held on 14th and 15th November 2013 at the Nairobi Safari Club. Prof Njuguna Ng'ethe and Prof Karuti Kanyinga coordinated the study.

organisations including Bunge la Mwananchi, Muungano wa Wanavijiji, Muungano wa Mageuzi, the 4Cs, Kenya Youth Agenda, the Mwea Foundation, Nyanza Youth Coalition, the NCEC, and the Land Alliance.

Study Achievements

One of the achievements of the study is documentation of social movements in East Africa, given that little has been studied and documented in the region

concerning social movements. It provided a forum for members of the academia and civil society practitioners to interact freely and build each other's knowledge on social movements.

The researchers interacted with the civil society members, guiding them on how to narrate and document their own experiences in the civil society sector, especially within the backdrop of the struggle for democracy in the region. The findings will soon be published

as articles in a special issue of the *Eastern Africa Journal of Development Studies* and as chapters in a book.

This is in addition to the publication of a manual on how to create and sustain successful social movements in East Africa for the civil society practitioners. Courtesy of the study, the interaction between the civil society and the academia will further inform the nature and character of social movements in the region.

Farmers to Reap from Lifelong Learning Study

IDS, in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) Canada, held a workshop on the impacts of Lifelong Learning for Farmers (L3F) initiative in Kenya and Uganda. The event was held at the Nairobi Safari Club on July 31, 2013. The workshop brought together stakeholders in areas of agriculture, community development, gender issues, youth and rural development drawn from the government, private sector and non-governmental organizations.

The main objectives of the workshop were to spread the L3F methodology to the various stakeholders and to disseminate the findings of a survey conducted to



Ms Anne Onyango, the Agriculture Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, officially opened the workshop

evaluate the implementation of the L3F initiative in Kenya and Uganda. The survey was commissioned by COL in 2012.

The L3F initiative is a response to a critical need arising from the fact that the wealth of information resulting from agricultural research

and development often fail to reach the final consumers; the farmers who need it the most. Prof Winnie Mitullah, the IDS Director, said the L3F approach which, focuses on use of open and distance learning (ODL) supported by information and communication technologies (ICT), shows that technology can be used effectively to reach a large number of poor and marginalized people, especially women. She commended COL's focus on dissemination and policy advocacy through such partnerships with IDS. She observed that it is in these two areas that most challenges lie,

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Centre of Excellence Committee Meets the Vision 2030 Team

A Sub-Committee of the Working Committee on the Regional Centre of Excellence for the Textile and Apparel Industry held a consultative meeting with representatives of Vision 2030 Secretariat.

The recently completed African Clothing and Footwear Research Network (ACFRN) led to the formation of Regional Centre of Excellence for Textile and Apparel to provide up-to-date, relevant and practical training and capacity building for the various segments of the textile value chain in the Eastern and Southern region as well as for relevant institutional actors.

The Sub-Committee paid a courtesy call to the Vision 2030

Secretariat to create awareness of the proposed centre of excellence and identify areas of collaboration. The two teams also explored the possibility of making the proposed centre one of the flagship projects of Vision 2030.

Vision 2030 is a national long-term development blue-print to create a globally competitive and prosperous nation with a high quality of life. It aims to transform Kenya into a newly industrializing, middle-income country providing a high quality of life to all its citizens by 2030 in a clean and secure environment.

Prof Dorothy McCormick, International Coordinator of ACFRN and Research Professor at the Institute for Development Studies

(IDS), University of Nairobi, and Dr Paul Kamau, Senior Research Fellow at IDS and ACFRN Kenya Country Coordinator, are members of the Working Committee on the Regional Centre of Excellence for the Textile and Apparel Industry.

Present during the meeting held at Vision 2030 Secretariat, on 26 August 2013, were Mr. Joseph Nyagari from African Cotton Textile Industries Federation (ACTIF); Mr Moses Kipkebut, Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA), Dr Mohamed Omar, Vision 2030, Economic Pillar; Mrs Margaret Waitthaka, EPZA; Prof Dorothy McCormick, IDS; and Dr Gituro Wainaina, Vision 2030, Political and Social Pillar.

Dr Onjala Attends China-Africa Think Tanks Forum



Dr Joseph Onjala (above) was one of the speakers at the 3rd meeting of China-Africa Think Tanks Forum (CATTF) held in Beijing, China. The event was organised by Zhejiang Normal University and Institute of West Asian and African studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

CATTF is an initiative launched by Zhejiang Normal University to create a shared platform for dialogue and exchanges between Chinese and African Think Tanks. During the forum, Dr Onjala presented a paper entitled "Trading within Sino-African Relations: FOCAC Commitments and the Dynamics of Implementation in Kenya."

The events also marked the launching ceremony of the China-Africa Think Tanks 10+10 Partnership Plan.

The China-Africa Think Tanks Forum (CATTF) is an initiative launched by Zhejiang Normal University (ZNU) in 2011 to create a shared platform for dialogue and exchanges between Chinese and African think tanks. The Institute of African Studies (IAS) and the China-Africa International Business School (CAIBS) at ZNU act as CATTF's standing secretariat.

While still in Beijing, Dr Onjala attended the "Africa: 54Countries, One Union-Integration and Infrastructure", on 24-25 October, 2013. He was one of the speakers during the session on Infrastructure and Integration in Africa. He presented a paper entitled "Transport Infrastructure Integration in East Africa: Security Implications for the Indian Ocean Rim."

Dr Onjala also attended UNCRD and UN-HABITAT Forum for Mayors and Senior

Urban Officials on Sustainable Urban Development and Management in Africa held in Nairobi on

27-29 November 2013. He presented a paper entitled "Policies towards Strengthening Cities as Engines of National Economic Growth."

Ghana, German Universities Seek Collaboration with IDS

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.

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



IDS Senior Research Fellow Dr Rachel Musyoki (left) and Associate Research Professor Rosemary Atieno (centre) at the workshop with delegates from Bonn Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences (Germany) and the University of Cape Coast (Ghana).

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 Mtullah 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 forum was coordinated by Dr Joseph Onjala.

The German delegation was led by IZNE Director Prof Wiltrud Terlua and comprised Prof Stefanie Meillinger, 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.

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society and the media are free to express demands and hold government accountable, government becomes more effective, or both," the researchers observe.

The study established that just half of Africans (49%) across 34 countries say that they are 'completely free' to say what they think, while another quarter (26%) say they are at least 'somewhat free'.

Open countries like Malawi, Tanzania and Liberia – where at least three-quarters of citizens feel completely free to express themselves – contrast sharply with their much more restricted counterparts, including Burkina Faso, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo and Sudan, where only about one in four perceive unrestricted opportunities for free speech.

Commenting on media freedom, 57% endorsed an unfettered right to publish. The proportions ranged from 52% in West Africa to 72% among East Africans.

Sources of News

The study also established that radio remains the dominant news source for most Africans. More than 60% of the people in every state, except Egypt, consume radio news. Although 77% of people in Africa



IDS Director Prof Winnie Mitullah makes presentation during Afrobarometer Round 5 Global Release findings conference. Mitullah is the Core Partner Project Director for the region.

listen to radio news, both television and internet are growing as sources of news.

More than half (56%) now get radio news from television on regular basis but the range in access is very wide. North Africans use television far more than other regions. Nearly everyone in Algeria (99%), Egypt (96%), Tunisia (94%), Morocco (93%) and Mauritius (98%) get news from television. This contrasts with Liberia (21%), Sierra Leone (20%), Malawi (18%) and Burundi (11%).

Just one in three (31%) has regular access to newspapers on the continent, generally, although the

number is higher in some individual countries, such as Mauritius (88%), South Africa (63%), Botswana (61%) and Sudan (51%). The country with the lowest newspaper leadership is Burundi (5%).

An average of 84% of respondents now uses cell phones at least occasionally. In 20 countries tracked since 2008, access has increased substantially compared to just a few years ago. Internet usage, however, has increased only marginally.

An average of 18% of respondents access internet on at least a monthly basis but this ranges from nearly twice as many (34%) in North

Africa, to less than one in ten (9%) in West Africa.

Communication technologies

The Afrobarometer study revealed phenomenal expansion in information and communication technologies in Africa. An earlier UN report, State of the World's Cities 2011/2012, had indicated 30% per annum in mobile telephone connections growth since 2001 and over 60% of the population connection by 2011.

The Round5 study findings show that only 16% of the population reports never using a mobile phone, 72% owns phone while 9% has access to mobile phone in their household. Access is near universal in Algeria and Senegal (98%); South Africa, Côte d'Ivoire and Kenya (93%).

Across the 20 countries for which data is available since Afrobarometer Round 4 (2008-2009), average rates of usage climbed by one third, from 63% of the population to 83% currently.

Kenya's status as a global leader in innovative uses of mobile phones to transfer funds and make payments is confirmed by the study. Kenya's 71% of the population use their phones to move money while the next closest nation is Tanzania (40%).

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in the sense that a lot of information exists but the challenge is in identifying whom to disseminate it to and how.

Prof Asha Kanwar, the President and CEO of Commonwealth of Learning, said COL uses various technologies to accelerate progress towards achieving developmental goals. She observed that information and communication technology (ICT) has a potential of delivering quality learning to a large number

of people. She said education leads to a greater freedom which enables people to be effective agents of development.

Ms Anne Onyango, the Agriculture Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, officially opened the workshop and gave keynote speech. She said that information access is a challenge in Kenya. "We therefore welcome innovations such as the L3F which will enable farmers to access information and farm more sus-

tainably using the available resources as well as enable them handle the effects of climate change," said Ms Onyango

The highlight of the day was the presentation by Prof Rosemary Atieno, an Associate Research Professor at IDS. Prof Atieno presented the results of the evaluation survey of the L3F initiative implemented in Kenya and Uganda. COL has been working with Kenya Aid Intervention & Prevention Project Group (KAIPPG) and Ugunja

Community Resource Centre (UCRC) in Kenya. KAIPPG and UCRC have been applying the L3F methodology in health and livelihoods programmes in Western Kenya. In Uganda, COL works with Makerere University in implementing the L3F initiative. The survey established that L3F initiative had effective impacts and outcomes in improving the livelihoods through economic diversification, nutrition and food security among the L3 communities. It also

established that there was greater social empowerment in the form of social capital, networking and social mobility among the L3F participants compared to the non-participants. The survey further showed that there was greater use of ICT among the L3F participants in learning.

The workshop was the outcome of a study done by Prof Atieno on economic empowerment of farmers and small scale entrepreneurs in Kenya and Uganda through ICT.