



Invitation to  
**E-Kick-Off Event**  
of  
**African Centre for Career Enhancement & Skills Support  
(ACCESS)**

| Time  | Activity  |
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| 10:00 | <b>Welcome Address</b><br>(Prof. Dr. Thomas Lenk Vice-Rector for Development and Knowledge Transfer, Leipzig University; Representatives of African Partner Universities) |
| 10:30 | <b>Keynote (Business)</b><br>Realizing the potential: Young talents and the role of the private sector in Africa (Dr. Kamal Bhattacharya, Co-Founder & CEO, Mojochat LLC) |
| 10:45 | <b>Keynote (Academic)</b><br>Improving graduate employability - a challenge for academia (Prof. Dr. Klaus Dörre, Friedrich-Schiller University Jena)                      |
| 11:00 | <b>Presentation</b><br>ACCESS Project (Prof. Dr. Utz Dornberger; Prof. Dr. Jörg Gertel, Leipzig University)   |
| 11:15 | <b>Discussion and Concluding Remarks</b>  |
| 11:45 | <b>Closing</b>  |

ACCESS is a five-year project spearheaded by Leipzig University, jointly implemented by a consortium of six African universities in Benin, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda and Tunisia. ACCESS seeks to address the paradox of improved formal education systems in Africa and rising unemployment rates among African university graduates.

Within the project framework, new interdisciplinary concepts will be developed and piloted to contribute to promoting the employability of students and graduates of African universities. With the benefit from existing collaborations between Leipzig University and its African partner universities, ACCESS seeks to create a practice-oriented interface for African Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), development cooperation partners, business associations and agencies in the Global South.

The project will be based on four pillars: Capacity Building, University Business Linkages, Employability Research and African German Entrepreneurship Academy. For more information, please see [www.access-centre.org](http://www.access-centre.org).

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Please confirm your participation\* latest until 25<sup>th</sup> of June by email:

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\*By joining the participation you agree that the event will be recorded and shared on our website.

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**10:00 -11:45 CEST**