

HIGHLIGHTS

BSU Planning and Networking Workshop

Six representatives from Platform on Human Health's (PHH) partner institutions in Ghana, Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar will be in Denmark from 27 August to 1 September. They will participate in a joint BSU Networking and Planning Workshop followed by internal PHH planning and coordination and thematic meetings 29-31 August. See more details under '[Crosscutting Activities](#)'.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS WITH THE PLATFORM ON HUMAN HEALTH

Please see below the announcements for new assignments in Ghana and Tanzania. Qualified staff at any Danish University is invited to apply. Please note that PHH will compensate the assigned resource person for his/her investment according to time stipulated in the announcement, applying a salary rate corresponding to the one maintained with their home university. This university should in return agree to invest the equivalent amount of staff time in the assignment as an in-kind contribution.

Express your interest in an assignment by forwarding a brief CV (max. 2 pages) to the Danish contact person stated in the given announcement. The CV should clearly document how your previous experience qualifies you to solve the assignment in the given setting. **Deadline is Monday 3 September, 2012.**

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)

- [Review of existing project management framework](#)

University of Ghana (UG)

- [Effective management of postgraduate training and research: Library access](#)
- [Knowledge management: Creation of research database](#)
- [Knowledge management: Strategic Communication Workshop](#)

Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC)

- [Re-announcement: Facilitators for Research Proposal Development and Writing Workshop \(8-12 October\)](#)

Zanzibar College of Health Sciences (ZCHS)

- [Co-supervisor for PhD student on Reproductive Health & Advisor on Reproductive Health education](#)

WORK PLAN PROGRESS

GHANA

University of Ghana (UG) and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)

Nadia Tagoe from KNUST and Rita Quist-Therson from UG will be visiting the University of Copenhagen in October. Their study tour focuses on project management and is facilitated by Christian Gregart.

In early October, Jens Dolin from the University of Copenhagen is scheduled to facilitate a joint BSU Training of PhD Supervisors with partner universities in Ghana.

TANZANIA MAINLAND

Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College (KCMC) and National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR)

Dorte Holler Johansen and Helle Trøst Nielsen from University of Copenhagen visited KCMC in June to discuss the activities in Work Package on Institutional Capacity Building, focusing on strengthening of the postgraduate administrative office. A follow-up meeting is scheduled to take place end of August, where Shirley Pollack from the University of Copenhagen will also join.

In October, a one-week Research Proposal Writing and Development Workshop will be held at KCMC. The aim of the workshop is to establish cooperation between research groups at KCMC and in Denmark. Danish resource person will facilitate the workshop.

In November, a joint BSU Training of PhD Supervisors is scheduled for partner institutions in Tanzania. The training is facilitated by Jens Dolin from University of Copenhagen.

ZANZIBAR

State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) and Zanzibar College of Health Sciences (ZCHS)

In July, a Research Methodology course involving 16 students from SUZA and ZCHS was successfully completed with support from Flemming Konradsen, Nanette Hale and Bernard Keraita from University of Copenhagen.

In Zanzibar, IT management is challenged by power cuts and fragile internet connectivity, and requires careful structuring and management. A few weeks ago, Hugo Connery from the Technical University of Denmark provided the IT programming staff from ZCHS and SUZA with a well appreciated training in e-learning platform construction and management, focusing on collaborative learning.

CROSSCUTTING ACTIVITIES

BSU Networking and Planning Workshop (27-29 August)

The three-day internal [Building Stronger Universities \(BSU\)](#) Networking and Planning Workshop gathers representatives from all eleven BSU partner institutions in Africa and Nepal, and the seven involved Danish universities. The workshop shall strengthen the common understanding of BSU's goals and challenges and

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strengthen the networks. The workshop will focus on six key thematic subject areas: *e-Learning, Fundraising Capacity, Outreach Strategies, PhD Schools, Problem Based Learning and Research Networks*. Danish Minister of Development Cooperation Christian Friis Bach will participate in the opening of the workshop. Read more [here](#).

PHH internal meetings (29-31 August)

After the BSU workshop, the PHH South partners will participate in internal PHH planning workshops, thematic meetings on Sexual and Reproductive Health and e-learning/e-health as well as meetings to coordinate research and education in Ghana and Tanzania, respectively. Relevant Danish resource persons are invited to join the meetings:

Presentation of Sexual and Reproductive Health Education and Research Activities at Roskilde University and University of Southern Denmark

Time: Wednesday 29 August 2012 at 14.30-17:00hrs

Place: Roskilde University

Contact: Lisa Ann Richey (richey@ruc.dk)

Coordination of Health Research & Education in Ghana

Overview and coordination of activities in Ghana across BSU, FFU and other relevant stakeholders, especially with focus on PhD courses, supervision, project management and research communication.

Time: Thursday 30 August 2012 at 13.00-16.00hrs

Place: CSS, University of Copenhagen, Building 9, International Health, meeting room

Contact: Bjørg Elvekjær (belv@sund.ku.dk)

Coordination of Health Research & Education in Tanzania

Overview and coordination of activities in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar across BSU, FFU and other relevant stakeholders, especially with focus on PhD courses, supervision, project management and research communication.

Time: Thursday 30 August 2012 at 13.00-16.00hrs

Place: CSS, University of Copenhagen, Building 23, CMP, meeting room

Contact: Bjørg Elvekjær (belv@sund.ku.dk)

Partner meeting on joint e-learning/e-health activities in the context of BSUHH

Overview of resources, experiences and interests on E-learning, problem-based learning (PBL) and E-health among BSUHH partners and exploration of opportunities for development of joint E-

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activities of relevance for BSU and PHH in Phase Two. The meeting is hosted jointly by Aalborg University and University of Copenhagen.

Time: Friday 31 August 2012 at 13.30-16.30hrs

Place: IT-Learning Centre, University of Copenhagen, Frederiksberg Campus, Dyrølægevej 10

Contact: Peter Furu (furu@sund.ku.dk)

UPDATE FROM THE THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS

Sexual and Reproductive Health Working Group has published the updated set of policy briefs:

- [Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights \(SRHR\) - In defence of life. \(Short version\).](#)
- [Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights \(SRHR\) - In defence of life. \(Long version\).](#)
- [Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: In defence of life \(Background paper\).](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Global Health

- **28 September at 10.00-12.00 (University of Copenhagen, CSS, Building 9):** *'Mapping of research-based global health education in Denmark'*

Guinea Bissau

- **21-22 September 2012 (University of Southern Denmark, Center for Global Health)** The Guinea Bissau Working Group is organising a 2-day Research Seminar on Guinea Bissau.

e-Health in Africa

- **5 September at 13:00,** Further details TBA

Sexual and Reproductive Health Working Group

- **23 August at 15.00-16.00 (University of Copenhagen, CSS Building 9):** Journal Club: *'Problematisation of adverse effects of hormonal contraceptives in Uganda'* with Maria Hyttel and Marianne Tellier. The Journal Club is followed by a Working Group meeting where the Group's activities for the next six months will be discussed. Danida's new Head of Section responsible for sexual and reproductive health and rights will participate the meeting.
- **20 September at 15.00-16.00 (University of Copenhagen, CSS Building 9):** Journal Club: *'Neonatal mortality in Southern Vietnam'* with Alexandra Kruse.