



Unlocking Infinite Possibilities

STEP-S PROJECT AT MKU

2024 - 2027

Student Training for Entrepreneurial Promotion - Sustainability (STEP-S) Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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About STEP-S Project

STEP-S: Student Training for Entrepreneurial Promotion-Sustainability

Partner Institutions:

Leuphana University (Germany)

Mount Kenya University (Kenya)

Godfrey Okoye University (Nigeria)

University of Venda (South Africa)

Funder: German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Project Period: 2024-2027

Overall Aim of STEP-S project

To train the university and secondary school students on entrepreneurship as well as mentor postgraduate students in research skills

Project focus: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) + Entrepreneurship opport.



Institutional Leadership



- Leuphana University (Germany) – **Lead Institution**
- Mount Kenya University (Kenya) – **Train Undergraduate students**
- Godfrey Okoye University (Nigeria) – **Train Secondary Students**
- University of Venda (South Africa) – **Train Postgraduate students**

Achieved Milestones - MKU 2024/2025

1 MKU Faculty member – Certified STEP-S Master Trainer (Globally recognized)

24 MKU Faculty members – Certified STEP-S Trainers

Over 150 (MKU staff & students) – Trained on Research Skills

122 MKU undergraduate students trained on Entrepreneurship (**10 students actively engaged in start-ups post training**)

Joint Publication – MKU, Leu, GOU & Univen

Future Plans

Entrepreneurship Conference – March 2026 to be hosted at MKU

Expansion of STEP-S to Rwanda & Somalia in collaboration with MKU

Expansion of STEP-S to the community

Introduction of STEP-S to TVET institutions in Kenya

South-South Collaboration/Empowerment

❑ Through Master trainers at each institution

Leuphana – Prof. Dr. Michael Gielnik (Senior Master Trainer)

Paul Herrmann (Certified)

Janina Peschmann (Certified)

University of Venda – Dr Anyway Mikioni (Certified) - 2025

Godfrey Okoye University – Mr Christopher C. Uwakwe (Certified) - 2025

Mount Kenya University – Mr Bonface Joel Malala (Certified) - 2025

❑ One additional master trainer – MKU, GOU & UNIVEN by 2027

❖ These will enhance African partner universities capacity to conduct TTT workshops to train more STEP-S trainers in respective countries

STEP-S Trainers - 2024



STEP-S Graduation 2024



Thank You