

## The Confederations Cup - a litmus test for SA

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Dear readers,

A warm welcome to the June Newsflash!

Our focus this month is on the game of football, which many of you will agree with me, has become a unifying factor for all nations across the globe.

As the 2010 World Cup nears, the question that continues to be asked by many is whether or not South Africa is ready to host the World Cup.

Huge interest has been drawn on the state of preparedness of the host country. People want to know if the stadia, transport facilities and accommodation will be ready on time. Visitors are also worried about security considering the high crime rate in South Africa.

Despite all these concerns, the country has expressed optimism in its preparations, which are now at an advanced stage.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter recently gave thumbs up to South Africa and castigated critics for doubting the country's ability to stage a successful World Cup next year, calling for an end to the "sniping," according to Reuters. "... we are here, not only to honour Africa but also to give justice to Africa and African football for all they have done for football," said Blatter.

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The two-week Confederations Cup that commenced on Sunday 14 June in South Africa will act as a litmus test for the country's ability to host the 2010 World Cup.

Eight teams are battling it out in what is regarded as a World Cup warm up tournament.

South Africa has in the past successfully hosted big tournaments such as the Rugby World Cup in 1995 and the Cricket World Cup in 2003 and so the World Cup should not be much of a problem.

InWEnt, through its 2010 World Cup programme is playing a critical role in providing training and bringing experts to South Africa to share their experiences and expertise with host cities. To read more about the various expert visits and training activities see page 4.

Happy reading!

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*Colour...Fans at the opening of the Confederations Cup tournament. Photo and caption: Newzimbabwe.com*

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Alumni are welcome to post their comments on the site.

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## APD launch in Mozambique

by Antje Schoene - AGEF Germany

“When we see pictures of places we have been to, we want to know whether these places have changed or if they still look the way we remember them. We ask ourselves about people and friends we have met in our life: What are they doing? We want to let them know about our own life, share and discuss our ideas.... We want to keep in touch.

There are different ways of keeping in touch. One is through the Alumniportal Deutschland (APD) - an online portal created for people all over the world who have lived, studied, and worked in Germany.

It is a place for people who carry Germany in their hearts where experiences in Germany can now be shared in the virtual world with other alumni from around the globe.

The Alumniportal Deutschland is a joint project of AGEF, DAAD, InWEnt, Goethe-Institut and other partners.

“A good idea!” and “Nice to be part of it” – were some of the many positive reactions from alumni when the APD was launched in Mozambique last year.

Dr Ute Heinbuch, Head of Cooperation from the German Embassy said alumni had the potential to work as partners in German-Mozambique co-operation.

Meanwhile, alumni in Mozambique have expressed interest in the “Jobs & Careers” section of the APD where they can offer their expertise to potential international employers.

A group of Mozambican teachers and scientists who studied in Germany was excited about the prospects of

getting in touch with fellow colleagues in and outside Mozambique.



Alumni register on the APD in Maputo, Mozambique. Photo: Antje Schoene/ APD

As part of networking on the APD, Mozambican painters and artists have formed a network to exhibit. Dito Tembe, a renowned painter who lived in Germany for many years says inspiration for his work comes from memories of the time spent in Germany.

Dito enjoys seeing APD visitors appreciate his paintings and comment on his work. He would like to invite other artists to participate in the art group for a mutual exchange of experiences.

In the “Community” section of the APD, alumni can form networks and invite colleagues and experts from other cities and countries to exchange ideas on projects.

Isaias Muthevuie is the APD representative in Mozambique. He collaborates with colleagues from Angola, Cameroon, Egypt, Kenya, Namibia, Tanzania, Tunisia, and Zambia. Their task is to find suitable jobs for German alumni and publish them on the portal as well as write articles about German-Mozambique cooperation. Isaias also helps alumni to register on the portal.

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## Alumniportal Deutschland launched in Tanzania

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The Alumniportal Deutschland (APD) was launched last month in Tanzania during a two-day alumni conference and fair.

Acting German Ambassador to Tanzania Clemens Hach officially launched the portal in Dar es Salaam.

The conference included panel and roundtable discussions. Some of the topics covered were: “Africa in the Western Media, only bad news?” and “Opposition win, the ruling party gives a piece of bread as well as “A new African democracy or no democracy at all?”

Workshops on the use of the APD website were also conducted, with 150 alumni registering to become members.



Some of the delegates at the alumni conference held in Dar es Salaam last month. Photo InWEnt.

More than 300 participants attended the conference, which also received media coverage.

Over 18 German organisations exhibited at the fair and shared information on business opportunities.

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### InWEnt set to host alumni conference in Ghana

by Dr Dorothe Nett - InWEnt Germany

It is a great pleasure to announce the second InWEnt, alumni conference in sub-Saharan Africa to be held from 5 to 7 November 2009 in Accra, Ghana under the theme "Global Crisis - African Challenges."

Hosting InWEnt's 13th International Business Forum (IBF), the conference will deal with the risks and opportunities for Africa arising from the global financial and economic crisis. Building upon the outcome of the 11<sup>th</sup> IBF and the first alumni conference of 2007, the conference will focus on investment financing with a special emphasis on how to harness the great potential of the African Diaspora for economic growth and business development.



Delegates at the 2007 alumni conference held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

During the conference, various divisions of InWEnt will host specialised technical alumni activities. In addition, workshops will be held in cooperation with the 13<sup>th</sup> IBF, to offer networking opportunities.

The alumni conference will take place at the Kofi Annan Peace Keeping Training Center and La Palm Beach Hotel. We are looking forward to interesting discussions and fruitful networking.

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### Update World Cup 2010

by Susanne Scholle - InWEnt South Africa

The 2010 FIFA World Cup is only a little more than 400 days away and the Confederations Cup 2009 kicked off in South Africa on Sunday June 14.

For the four cities hosting the Confederations Cup, this signifies the trial run to test their ability to host one of the world's biggest sporting events - the 2010 World Cup.

Consequently the demand for German expertise continues to grow. During the first half of this year, a significant number of German experts travelled to South Africa to provide advice in their specific fields of expertise.

By the end of April three teams of host city advisors (most of them former coordinators of the last World Cup) had visited the country to give general advice concerning among others the stadia, infrastructure, marketing, communication, tourism and volunteers.

These visits have enabled the experts to observe progress made in the cities to date as well as provide further assistance.

Another key area tackled during these visits has been the FIFA regulations and how to deal with their implications.

Experts from Germany analysed signed agreements for their legal and financial impact. The analysis enabled Host Cities and federal institutions to fully comprehend their obligations.

Additional experts have been enlisted to provide specific advice with regards to fan parks and environmental issues (particularly waste management).

Two fire officers visited South Africa in February to conduct a survey of all nine Host Cities on their level of preparedness in disaster management and related risks.

The information enabled the experts to develop a plan for further missions.

Furthermore, during the first four months of 2009, InWEnt in cooperation with its partners hosted four workshops to discuss various topics related to Host Cities. The latest workshop was in cooperation with the South African Police Service (SAPS) on railway security.



Participants at the South African Police Service (SAPS) workshop on railway security

As a result of the workshop on waste management in March (conducted in close collaboration with the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism), the participating Host Cities agreed on a two-bin-system (recyclable and non-recyclable) for the stadia.

Regarding the Confederations Cup, InWEnt planned to send two teams of Host City advisors and two teams of fire officers to the Host Cities. Their assignment would be to observe the situation from a visitor and expert's point of view. They will gather information on their experiences and share it with the respective Host City in order to guide future assignments and to empower and capacitate the Host City municipalities.

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### InWEnt to host business exhibition

by Annamarie Grobler - InWEnt South Africa

InWEnt's Trade Africa Intra Regional Export Promotion Programme will in July hold a business-to-business (B2B) exhibition during the Southern African International Trade Exhibition (SAITEX) in Midrand, South Africa.

The programme will run from July 19 to 21 and will be hosted adjacent to the Africa's Big Seven exhibition.

The Africa's Big Seven is an international food and beverage exhibition hosted by players from the African continent.

The event currently attracts exhibitors from 19 countries and visitors from 43 countries.

InWEnt this year will support the attendance of companies from partner countries of Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia to showcase their products at the exhibition.

The B2B is a joint project between InWEnt and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry aimed at promoting trade among business organisations.

The co-location with the Africa's Big Seven is expected to benefit exhibitors and visitors of both events. The events will be supported by a comprehensive calendar of events, which will include workshops and topical discussion forums.

A platform will be created for focused business-to-business meetings, where potential buyers and sellers, as well as business people, can network and interact on a one-on-one basis.

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### Alumni manure project kicks off in Zambia

by Harrison Tembo - Zambia

Trade Africa Network (TAN) last month embarked on a project to produce organic manure in the central Zambian province of Kabwe.

The manure will be used for production of organic farm produce for the regional and international markets.

The project kicked off with the hosting of a sensitisation meeting attended by 18 TAN members and two quality management alumni.

Other participants included the Kabwe Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Citizens Economic Empowerment Commission and District Business Association. These organisations presented papers on how best to exploit the organic manure business project.

"We feel that this initiative has to be encouraged not only by ourselves but also by all concerned including InWEnt, Zambia Development Agency, the Zambian government, local business associations, the business fraternity as well as the general public," said one participant.



Participants at the sensitisation workshop held in Kabwe

Meanwhile, the local TAN membership set up a provincial executive committee to oversee the implementation of the project. Victor Simpukile was appointed provincial co-ordinator and will be deputised by Godfrey Shibalwa. Walusungu Mwamba was appointed treasurer while committee

members elected at the last annual general meeting will sit on the provincial committee as ex-officio committee members.

TAN Zambia now looks forward to helping its members in the southern and western provinces to establish similar projects.

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### Alumni hold workshop on access to EU markets

by Harrison Tembo - Zambia

The Trade Africa Alumni Network Zambia (TAN) earlier this year held a workshop in Lusaka to discuss possibilities of accessing the European Union (EU) markets.

A senior European Commission official gave a presentation to potential business people on the EU Export Help Desk Services and how they could benefit from it.

Participants shared ideas and experiences in order to find lasting solutions to their problems in exporting value added products to the European and intra regional markets.

They also used the workshop to strengthen their networking skills.

A total of 30 people attended the workshop including officials from the Finnish Embassy, Zambia Development Agency, Zambia Federation Association of Women in Business and Small Scale Industries Association.

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**Quality Management Network holds discussion forum on developing standards**

*by Edmund Sunkutu - Zambia*

The Quality Management Network Zambia (QMNZ) recently held a discussion forum in Lusaka to exchange ideas on the latest developments in quality standards.

The theme of the forum was "Promoting Quality in Zambia."

In a speech read on his behalf, guest of honour, Director of the Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS) Mataa Mukelebai said there was need to overcome the myriad of challenges hampering effective implementation of quality management systems in Zambia.

He said in an environment where 70 percent of the population was struggling to access basic needs, quality issues were not a priority hence it was difficult to implement quality standards.

Mukelebai said effective quality management should be supported by a national policy that sets the overall vision, defines goals and objectives and assign responsibilities to various stakeholders.

Zambia is however yet to come up with such a policy.

Quality management, Mukelebai said required significant resources and sound infrastructure, well-trained personnel as well as articulated operating procedures and standards, which were all critical elements in the QM chain.

Consumer education and protection, he said, must also be actively enforced to complete the chain.

Participants bemoaned the influx of sub-standard products on the Zambian market.

Alumni, individuals and captains of industries attended the meeting. Other participants were from the

breweries, Coca Cola Bottlers, architectural designers and body lotions producers.

The forum was covered on both radio and television.



*Participants at the quality management forum held in Lusaka recently*

Following the discussion forum, the network received overwhelming feedback from industries. Enquiries continue to pour in from various companies that want to know how to go about with the certification process.

It is therefore critical for the Zambian industries especially the manufacturing sector to get certified. The companies should be certified so that their products can have a competitive edge on the international market and earn the country the much-needed foreign currency.

Zambian companies also need to change their business models especially at a time when they are facing global economic challenges.

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**GDC supporting water sector reforms in Tanzania**

*by Mathias Mulagwanda - Tanzania*

The German Development Cooperation (GDC) is supporting the development of the water sector in Tanzania, in particular water sector reforms aimed at improving water and sanitation services through better institutional, legislative, regulatory and human resources framework.

Some of the GDC activities are focusing on exchange of information as well as learning and networking activities beyond national borders.

One example is InWEnt's WAVE programme, which focuses on capacity building to improve efficiency and effectiveness of water service providers. The programme is implemented not only in Tanzania, but also in Kenya, Uganda, and Zambia.

In Kenya, the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) has been providing technical support towards implementation of projects in informal settlements through the Water Services Trust Fund (WSTF).

At the end of May, GTZ Tanzania organised a tour of Kenya in collaboration with GTZ - Water Sector Programme Kenya, Ministry of Water and Irrigation Kenya and WSTF. The mission comprised of nine members from six urban commercial water utilities and representatives from the Ministry of Water and Irrigation.

The tour sought to expose the Tanzanian commercial water and sanitation utilities to concepts practiced in the East African region.

During the three-day tour, visits were made to various Kenyan water and sanitation companies where the delegation learnt about activities that have contributed towards increasing access to water services to those previously disadvantaged.

The Kenyan water sector reforms that started in 2002 have been progressing well. There has been considerable support from development partners such as the European Union (EU) and GDC through funding of informal settlements to provide water and sanitation services as well as through capacity development.

However, the country's sanitation sector continues to face enormous challenges. Not much progress has been made in the provision of sanitation services in informal settlements.

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### Ford-AIDC to train SME employees on HIV and AIDS

by Martin Weihs - South Africa

The Ford Motor Company of Southern Africa and the Automotive Industrial Development Centre (AIDC) Wellness Cluster this year targets to train over 1 100 employees from five small medium automotive suppliers in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage on how to deal with the HIV and AIDS pandemic.

The Ford-AIDC Wellness Cluster was born out of a partnership between FORD, AIDC and the Aids Workplace Programmes in Southern Africa (AWiSA).

AWiSA is a joint project of German Development Service (DED) and InWEnt established to fight HIV and AIDS in the workplace.

The AIDC and its partners were mandated by the Eastern Cape provincial government to assist the automotive industry to become globally competitive by implementing comprehensive HIV and AIDS workplace programmes, including voluntary counselling and testing services.

As part of its role in the partnership, Ford will provide the "big brother" type of support and resources to a number of its suppliers. This will be done through training and capacity building in the area of HIV and AIDS and wellness.

Ford's relationship with the AIDC in the area of HIV and AIDS dates back to several years ago, when Ford was recognised as a leading player in its own HIV and AIDS programmes. The company's goal is to encourage its suppliers to implement their own comprehensive HIV and AIDS initiatives.

The preliminary success of the programme has been attributed to the proven experience and high quality service provided by all partners.

State of the art tools such as Knowledge, Attitude, Behaviour and Practice Surveys and Cost Benefit Analyses were set up in the first quarter of this year to determine needs and design the most efficient individual wellness programme.



Participants at the AWiSA coordinator's training held at the Ford Struandale Engine Plant in Port Elizabeth. Photo: Martin Weihs

Based on the results of surveys, partners are now providing continuous assistance to deliver training for management, coordinators, peer educators, steering committees and support follow up to SMEs.

Sensitisation activities on the proper use of female and male condoms to control sexually transmitted diseases, unwanted pregnancy and HIV and AIDS were held at the supplier plants in February in cooperation with the Eastern Cape Department of Health.

A training for 30 middle and top managers and 10 HIV and AIDS coordinators was held at the Ford Struandale Engine plant in March.

The project managers have succeeded in obtaining pledges from top and middle managers stating their commitment to the wellness programme of their companies. This "management buy in" is one of the major key success factors in effectively fighting the pandemic at the workplace.

The next step after the two workshops would be to organise task teams for the five plants and to brief them about the recruitment and selection procedures of their peer educators.

All SMEs are receiving structured follow-up support and mentorship to ensure that they have functioning steering committees, that they develop workplace policies and have efficient peer educator systems.

The support will also include availing condoms and continuous sensitisation of employees on health issues and encourage them to go for voluntary counselling. Management will be encouraged to prioritise the issue of HIV to sustain productivity while looking after their human resources.

This support includes information and education campaigns, policy development, and integrated monitoring and evaluation. Voluntary counselling and testing will be offered to all employees on wellness days. Companies' referral systems will ensure that all employees (permanents and contracts) have access to anti-retroviral drugs.

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This has been partly attributed to low investments in sanitation service provision and lack of a defined policy framework in sanitation.

It is anticipated that the incentives provided by the Water Services Trust Fund (which include support in the development of feasible projects, funding, monitoring and evaluation) will change the situation for the better, particularly in the previously unserved urban settlements, where the majority of the poor people reside.

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### The importance of community service learning in Malawi

by Dr Godfrey Kafere - Malawi



To embrace the mission of public schooling of creating active and informed citizens, community service-learning has the potential to assist in reviving a pathetic citizenry through the transformation of civic education.

A vision of a society based solely on respect for individual rights is an appropriate view to guide civic education in a democracy. But civic education instead, should be guided on both individualistic and communal values.

One would wonder why our democracy is faltering. Indeed, Malawians since independence have only known autocratic rule for 31 years. Our democracy is relatively young. It has seen three general elections and one local election.

In the old days, democratic decision-making was an extension of the communal participation so necessary for the health and well being of each other. Citizens needed each other not only to decide on local laws and regulations but also to fight wars, build homes, grow food, hunt and provide a wide array of goods and services necessary for living.

Since the beginning of the exodus from farms to the towns and cities, Malawians have increasingly valued independence and personal success over their commitment to a participatory egalitarian society.

This has seen our social and political organisation growing and the sense of our collective identity as a people with common needs and purposes

becoming increasingly fragmented. We have forgotten our common good as Malawians, as we have increasingly placed individual good ahead of the common good. People should realize that a healthy democracy is integrally connected to a live moral civic culture engendered by local communities and associations.

But many have noted that a lot of Malawians feel isolated from their institutions such as schools, government and churches. They have looked at the many institutional problems, and they feel they are too large, too complex and as a result are frustrated and ultimately withdraw from active involvement in the decision making process. In a country where voting was denied for 31 years, the refusal to vote signals the bankruptcy of democracy.

Again, evidence of our fragmentation as a national community can be seen in citizens' view of the government. Many view the government as distant and alien, an overly intrusive and powerful presence that must be carefully watched lest we become its victims.

At the same time, the government is seen as dis-empowered, unable to effectively control the nation's economy or respond capably to persistent social problems. But we should recognize that a democracy lacking in participation by the majority of its constituents is a democracy at risk. We have to stop putting our own good, as individuals, as a group, as a nation, ahead of the common good. For a thriving democracy, we need a majority of concerned citizens who will also participate in decisions from the local to the national level that affect their own lives and the common good.

Let me now look at the role of public schooling in educating its citizens. The formulators of public schooling believed that one of the central aims of education was to develop informed and active citizens. Historically, public education was education for the community, a means for making both plurality and difference honoured in civic life.

Aristotle noted that citizens are made, not born. We need to realise that a free society depends on the knowledge, skills and virtues of its citizens. Indeed, it should be noted that schools were and are still the only institutions available to society as a means to train the youth in the theory and practice of democratic citizenship.

Although the family, church, the media and the streets all play powerful roles in children's development, it is schools that provide the greatest opportunity for the youth to work towards common goals and to uphold both individual rights and collective good. The communal nature of public school classrooms, offer students an excellent opportunity to balance the development of individual character, autonomy and confidence with the strengthening of a public self through dialogue, decision-making and cooperative learning.

One would argue that civic education has failed to create active citizens in Malawi. Although many educators acknowledge the potential of public schools for civic learning, the results of traditional civic education has been far from promising. For many years, most efforts at teaching civic education in the schools fell on the shoulders of narrowly conceived social studies courses that in most cases have failed to engender student interest and involvement in political life. The courses have had little impact on students' democratic political attitudes in part because they fail to link cognitive information with the effective lessons of citizenship.

Could we conclude that the Malawian education has done well in developing its educational resources for the transmission of specialized knowledge and skills than it has for citizenship? If so, what should we do to remedy the problem? The first step is to examine the civic curriculum itself. Students have little reason to become interested in simply reading about civic. They need to practice what they learn in books and classes.

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The traditional teaching strategies provide little incentive for students' taking to heart and acting on the lessons in their social studies textbooks.

The second reason is the fact that schools cannot teach democracy when they are not democratic places themselves. We have to know that civic education in our schools is much more than what goes on in social studies classes as the whole school environment influences it. American scholar, John Dewey contended that any education regimen consisting of "authorities at the upper end handing down to receivers at the lower end what they must accept" was an education "fit to subvert, pervert and destroy the foundations of democratic society."

Apart from the message of obeying authorities without question, students are also taught that individual success is what matters. Many of the structures of traditional schooling of individual seatwork, competitive grading, discouragement of collaboration, training in docility do foster an ethic of individual success over collective learning and of obedience over empowerment.

The essential elements of democratic civic education are many. Civic education should focus more on intellectual understanding, skills for participation, civic attitudes, and direct participation in school and communities.

Civic education should be taught through an integrated curriculum. For example, students should study the conflict and content in Malawian history, as well as explore civic concepts in lessons on natural communities in science.

Educating students for democratic participation must entail their active involvement in the life of the school and community. They don't need isolated lessons but opportunities to practice civic behaviours. Dewey advocated building a community in public schooling through students'

participation in the planning process and their active contributions in doing good work for the school.

While students practice democracy within the school community, their involvement in the community can reap rich rewards for civic learning. When they work on complex community problems, they have the potential to learn not only the skills and knowledge necessary for civic action, but also democratic attitudes plus the will to participate and the ability to care for others. When students work on common goals and have others depend on their actions, they learn the cognitive and effective knowledge of democratic citizenship better than through classroom instruction alone.

Community service-learning in civic education integrates school or community-based service projects with academic skills and content and provides opportunities for structured reflection on the service experience.

People should know that service should not be taken as a form of charity or be completed in a self-sacrificial manner. But they work along those in need, recognizing our common purpose and enabling those being served to become more empowered in the process.

Community service-learning is one form of direct participation in the school and community. It provides students with a means for self-development as well as the development of civic attitudes such as concern, care for others, tolerance, respect, compassion, fairness and integrity. If service learning is adopted, it has the potential to be an effective means for civic education in a democratic society.

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#### Tanzania commemorates 26<sup>th</sup> International Aids Candlelight Memorial Day

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual International Aids Candlelight Memorial Day was last month commemorated in Njoro, Moshi under the theme "Together we are the Solution." Around 1 000 people including children participated at the event.

Guest of honour, District Commissioner Musa Samizy initiated the lighting of the candles to remember loved ones who passed away due to HIV related illnesses.

Samizy urged participants to take seriously steps to curb the pandemic adding that there was need to promote behavioural change. He pledged government's support to work with communities to fight HIV and Aids.

John Kessy, the Director of White Orange Youth and the Candlelight Memorial coordinator encouraged men to be involved in the Prevention from Mother to Child Transmission programme.

Free HIV testing and counselling was provided on site to 231 people of, which 62 were women.

The Candlelight Memorial was initiated by the Global Health Council and is one of the largest and oldest grassroots mobilisation campaigns for HIV and Aids awareness worldwide.

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**New members of staff**



Unami Mpofu (37) joined the InWEnt regional office in Tshwane in April this year as a Project Manager for the NEPAD/CAADP capacity building project.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences and Statistics from the University of Zimbabwe. She is currently reading for a Master of Science in Strategic Quality with Portsmouth University in the United Kingdom.

Unami is a certified European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) assessor.

Her new work involves providing support for the effective delivery of training and networking activities and events in close liaison with the NEPAD/CAADP secretariat and the GTZ.

Unami is not new to InWEnt as she benefited from an advanced Quality Management training in Germany in 2003. Since then, she has been an active member of the Quality Management Alumni Network responsible for coordinating activities of the network clusters within the SADC region.

She has participated in several InWEnt online courses including Consultancy as a Professional option, E-learning Development and Implementation. Unami is a member of the e-Learning online tutors pool and is currently developing an online QM course in Agriculture.

Prior to joining InWEnt Unami was a consultant specialising in mentoring and project coordination in Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME) mentorship development programme within the SADC region. A key aspect of the programme was the transfer of mentoring skills within the EFQM organisational excellence framework to the SMME.

She brings over 14 years of management experience including the ability and passion to work with people from diverse cultures.

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Rita Lopes (48) joined the InWEnt Maputo office in May as a Finance Administrator.

She is a graduate in Accounting/Auditing.

Previously Rita worked for the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) for 12 years as a cashier and senior accountant.

“I hope my experience will contribute towards InWEnt’s success in Mozambique and in the SADC region,” she says.

Rita is married to Arlindo with four children. She enjoys listening to music, watching television, reading magazines, visiting friends and spending time with her family.

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**Alumni Success Stories**



Our alumnus of the month is Suzgika Mvalo (42) from Malawi.

Suzgika holds a Bachelor of Education degree from Mzuzu University.

He has over the years been actively involved in alumni work and is the current president of the Malawi German Cultural Society (Magecusu).

Suzgika works for the Lilongwe Technical College as a tutor cum Head of Department responsible for plumbing and machine woodworking.

In 1999 he received a two-year advanced professional training in Germany specialising in water supply and disposal.

“This programme has helped me to mould careers of many young Malawians most of whom are now employed both in the public and private sectors,” says Suzgika.

During his stay in Germany he also attended a German course and is now fluent in the language. He was recently in Germany to advance his German language skills.

“I intend to take a leading role in teaching this language to many Malawians who wish to study in Germany,” says Suzgika.

Suzgika is married to Mary with four children. His hobbies include computers, travelling and reading.

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## Training Programmes

**InWEnt conducts training activities on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development. These activities are planned and developed with partner organisations in respective countries under Development Cooperation.**

**In order to increase the impact of these activities, InWEnt engages participation of suitable partners within Development Cooperation.**

**From time to time opportunities for courses and conferences arise.**

**Our programmes also target people active in the field of Development Cooperation.**

**For further information refer to our contact details.**

**Reporting politics: good governance, investigating policies, covering elections Berlin, Germany**

**September 4 - October 2, 2009**

**Deadline June 24, 2009**

This course targets journalists from print and online media.

Target countries are Afghanistan, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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**Summer Academy Accra, Ghana**

**September 28 - October 9, 2009**

**Deadline: July 24, 2009**

This course seeks to promote media freedom and journalistic ethics.

It targets young journalists from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Cabo Verde, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.

For further information visit: [www.inwent.org/ijj](http://www.inwent.org/ijj)

### ToT courses on offer

The [ict@innovation](http://www.ict@innovation.org) programme is organising four regional Trainer of Trainers (ToT) workshops in the Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) Business Models between July and October 2009.

The [ict@innovation](http://www.ict@innovation.org) programme aims at building capacities for African small and medium Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enterprises to build a business with FOSS.

FOSS is a computer software, which offers different opportunities and can be freely modified and distributed.

The courses will consist of face-to-face training for two weeks followed by four to six weeks of part-time online training.

### Courses schedule:

1st regional ToT: July 13 - 24, 2009 South Africa  
Target group: Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia, and Namibia.

2nd regional ToT: 31 August to 11 September 2009 in Uganda.  
Target group: Ethiopia, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.

3rd regional ToT: 14 September - October 2009 in Tanzania  
Target: Ethiopia, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda

4th regional ToT: 19 - 30 October 2009 in Mozambique  
Target: Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia and Namibia.

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### Alumniportal Deutschland guide now out

The Alumniportal Deutschland (APD) user's guide is now out.

The booklet contains information on the alumni fair held in October last year in Johannesburg, South Africa and lists networks associated with the APD to encourage alumni, companies and organisations to register.

This publication is also available in hard copy. Should you wish to receive a hard copy, please send your name and postal address to: [helga.wenhold@inwent.co.za](mailto:helga.wenhold@inwent.co.za)

### Editor's memo

***I would like to cordially invite all alumni to share with us articles on any interesting events that are happening in your alumni associations, networks, at your workplaces or in your respective countries.***

***Also welcome are Opinion articles for the Open Forum, feature articles, alumni profiles, company profiles and advertisements which will be published free of charge to promote alumni work.***

***Please share your views on articles discussed in the Newsflash through the Open Forum or Letters to the Editor's platform.***

***All material for the August 2009 Issue of the Newsflash should be sent to [musokoc@zol.co.zw](mailto:musokoc@zol.co.zw) by July 20, 2009.***