

INVITATION TO LAUNCHING WORKSHOP

Platform for Stability, Democracy and Rights takes as its point of departure three of the themes described in the 2010 Danida Strategy for Development Collaboration – Stability & Fragility; Gender Equality; and Freedom, Democracy and Human Rights – and translates them into research for development. It seeks to bring together Danish researchers across universities into a coordinated long-term partnership with partner universities in South within a framework of enhancement of research capacity.

Platform for Stability, Democracy and Rights is one of four platforms that together make up the Building Stronger Universities initiative across Danish universities. The other three platforms are Human Health; Growth & Development; and Climate & Environment.

Platform for Stability, Democracy and Rights seeks to strengthen research collaboration within the Humanities and Social Sciences. In the initial phase, the main focus will be on **East Africa** with partners in **Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania**. Preparations will be initiated to establish long-term partnerships in **West Africa** and **Southern Africa** and also in **Asia** (with a probable base in **Nepal**). Associated partners in other countries can also benefit from and contribute to these networks in connection with research projects.

In Denmark, the platform will work through a) country/regional groups with focus on long-term research capacity enhancement and b) thematic groups with focus on project-based research collaboration under the three overall themes of the platform.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

Building Stronger Universities is a framework that strengthens collaboration and partnership and provides more stability to funding of Danish involvement in research for development. But it is up to the engaged researchers in Denmark and in partner countries in South to develop and define its contents.

Come to the launching workshop and join a working group. Suggestions for thematic working groups can be sent to any of the Platform Steering Group members (see below).



LAUNCHING THE PLATFORM FOR STABILITY, DEMOCRACY AND RIGHTS

CBS, Porcelænshaven 22, 2000 Frederiksberg, Room PHR120

(See map: http://www.cbs.dk/om_cbs_campus/find_cbs/kort/menu/raavarebygningen_porcelaenshaven_22)

27. October 2010, 11:00-16:15

PROGRAMME

- 11:00-11:20 Welcome
- 11:20-11:40 A brief history of BSU
- 11:40-12:00 Introduction to Platform for Stability, Democracy and Rights
- 12:00-12:30 Q&A
- 12:30-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-13:20 Preliminary results of platform survey
- 13:20-13:40 Regional Networks
- First step: East Africa
 - In the pipeline: Asia, West Africa, Southern Africa
- 13:40-14:20 Reflections on theme topics:
- Fragility and stability
 - Freedom, democracy and human rights
 - Gender equality
- 14:20-15:40 Coffee tables – discussions and participating in working groups
- 15:40-16:00 Feedback from coffee tables
- 16:00-16:15 Next steps and winding up

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Links

Building Stronger Universities in Developing Countries:

http://dkuni.dk/internationalt/building_stronger_universities/

Danida Strategy: <http://www.um.dk/NR/rdonlyres/3FB1B856-83D3-48EF-A819-0939EC47121A/0/FreedomfromPoverty.pdf>

Fred og stabilisering. Danmarks politik for indsatser i skrøbelige stater 2010-2015

<http://www.um.dk/NR/rdonlyres/F6101420-F174-4A8E-90C8-B1B0B157818C/0/FredogStabilisering.pdf>

Denmark's National Action Plan for implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security 2008-2013

http://www.um.dk/NR/rdonlyres/1AAB9AC6-024D-4970-9478-181B7903F562/0/ActionPlan_finalfinal.pdf

Support to Indigenous Peoples. Strategy for Danish support to Indigenous Peoples

<http://www.um.dk/Publikationer/Danida/English/DanishDevelopmentCooperation/StrategyforDanishSupport/strategyforDanishSupport.pdf>