

Speech Base Project

Introduction:

Speech Base project is funded by DAAD- Germany

Project partners:

Speech Base project is collaboration between the following institutions:

- Kenyatta University- Department of Early Childhood and Special Needs, Nairobi-Kenya
- Leibniz University- Department of Speech and Language Pathology; Hanover-Germany
- University of Pretoria- Department of Speech and Language Pathology; South Africa
- Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre- Medical School; Moshi, Tanzania;
- Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences- ENT department; Dar es Salaam-Tanzania

Main aim:

Development of a digital teaching- and learning platform (SpeechBase) for information, awareness raising and training of different target group

General project aims:

- Culture-specific digitization strategy for research, training, curriculum development and IT in partner institution.
- Acquisition and imparting of culture-sensitive, evidence-based basic knowledge of speech therapy practice
- Decolonized curriculum in speech and language pathology
- Sustainable development of professionalized network structures
- Internationalization of the University of Leibniz, Hannover curriculum
- Application of digital methods and project activities
- Implementation of e-learning and/or e-health approaches
- Online-based project documentation and monitoring

Workshop/ seminars:

For the last 2 years, the workshops have been held virtually due to COVID 19 pandemic. These were hosted by University of Pretoria, South Africa and Muhimbili University, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.

The current one will be a hybrid, hosted by Kenyatta University. Kenyatta University participants will be in face- to -face while other partners will join via zoom.

Theme:

The theme is: '*Childhood Developmental Disorders in Multilingual Context*'.

Conference report:

Speech Base workshop: **2nd and 3rd June, 2022** at Confucius Institute Multipurpose Hall.

The participants were as follows:

- Face to face-Staff and Post graduate students (25 persons) from Department of Early Childhood
- Virtually- Speech base project team members from the following institutions (over 100 participants)
 - Leibniz University- Hanover-Germany
 - University of Pretoria- South Africa
 - Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, Moshi, Tanzania;
 - Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania



VC rep, DVC Academic,- Prof. Okemo, Dean School of Education- Prof. Kombi and some of workshop participants