

## **BSU Newsletter, July 2012**

### **BSU Partner Workshop on 27 – 29 August, 2012**

BSU is organising a Networking and Planning Workshop for all the partner universities under the BSU initiative. It will be the first, joint workshop with representatives from all the 11 partner institutions in Africa and Nepal and the 7 involved Danish universities. It will be a closed workshop for invited platform representatives from the involved universities.

The workshop will be opened by Jens Oddershede, Chairman of the Danish Rectors' Conference. Guest speaker will be Christian Friis Bach, the Danish Minister of Development Cooperation.

The workshop shall strengthen the common understanding of BSU's goals and challenges and strengthen the networks. The workshop will focus on 6 key thematic subject areas: E-Learning, Fundraising capacity, Outreach strategies, PhD Schools, Problem Based Learning and Research Networks.

It is expected that the participants will produce a catalogue of ideas for relevant platform activities within the six areas, including crosscutting BSU collaboration.

### [Workshop Programme](#)

### **Planning of the implementation of the extra 19 million DKK**

In the February Newsletter we informed that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has earmarked an extra 19 million DKK for the four BSU platforms for the period 2012-14. The funds come on top of the already approved 60 million DKK for 2011-13 and shall support activities especially within communication and dissemination of research findings at the partner universities in the developing countries.

After consultations with their partner universities in Africa (Tanzania, Ghana, Kenya and Uganda) and Nepal, the four platforms' Steering Committees have presented their proposals for activities under the special grant. Based on the proposals the BSU secretariat at Universities Denmark has presented a status for the planning to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoF).

It is envisaged that the workshop in August will provide crucial input to the planning of activities. MoF recently has informed that the application should be submitted to MoF by 5 October in order to be processed before the end of the year.

For more information: [Status on planning and implementation of the DKK 19 Mio.](#)

Read more about the Building Stronger Universities initiative and find links to the four thematic platforms: [www.bsuud.org](http://www.bsuud.org)