# Impressions from ESS 2021

In 2021, 24 students took part in the Entrepreneurship Summer School. All participants worked in international teams and not only learned a lot about the subject, but also broadened their horizons, acquired international expertise and made many new contacts and friends.



Intercultural Training with Dr. Joy Alemazung, ESS 2021



Icebreaker Event with a virtual tour of Kempten University via Gather Town, ESS 2021



Country Evening Rwanda, ESS 2021

# **Date & Registration**

■ **Date**June 6 - 13, 2022

#### Location

In 2022, the third joint Summer School will be held again in a hybrid format due to the pandemic. Participants from Kigali will participate in person at the ULK Campus, participants from Kempten will participate digitally. From 2023, it is planned to hold the school in person for all participant on the ULK campus in Kigali, Rwanda.

#### ■ Fee

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and lecturers, we are able to offer the Summer School free of charge to our participants.

#### ■ Target group

Students and graduates who are interested in Entrepreneurship and Sustainability.

#### Registration

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Participant's speeddating in Kigali, ESS 2020









# International Entrepreneurship Summer School 2022

Kigali Independent University ULK, Rwanda June 6 - 13, 2022



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# A joint Summer School

Since 2019, Kigali Independent University (ULK) in Rwanda, Kempten University of Applied Sciences (KU) in Southern Germany and German Sparkassenstiftung for International Cooperation have initiated various partnership activities, including the Entrepreneurship Summer School (ESS) for ULK and Kempten University students/graduates. In addition to bringing students together with business actors from the public and private sectors, the ESS aims at encouraging innovation and creativity among participants while presenting different opportunities within the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Here, young people are given appropriate tools, try out different disciplines, learn entrepreneurial thinking as well as work together in internationally and culturally diverse teams.

## How to become an Entrepreneur

Entrepreneurship is a sign of development, self-reliance and prosperity. It creates jobs, prospects and supports education. Becoming a responsible entrepreneur oneself and implementing one's own ideas with respect for the society and environment has a lasting positive impact on our world. The Entrepreneurship Summer School wants to help students believe in their ideas, lay a first milestone towards their own independence and is intended to ensure to strengthen responsible, sustainable development.

#### Part 1: Micro Business Game

German Sparkassenstiftung for International Cooperation offers a highly interactive Micro Business Game to simulate realistic, external influences that an entrepreneur has to face. It offers participants the opportunity to learn by experience in a secure environment and implement their own decisions in a playful way. The foundation for entrepreneurial thinking is laid.

#### Part 2: Practical Case Studies

Practical case studies presented by companies widen the scope of the ESS towards the "big business". The participants are given real-life problems from our corporate partners from the business world, especially based on the challenges of international and intercultural management. The results of the group works are then presented to the partners.

In this way, both sides benefit and the future young entrepreneurs can prove their wealth of ideas, creativity, unconventional approaches and problem-solving skills.

#### Part 3: Own Business Cases

In the third part of the Summer School the young entrepreneurs deal with their own business ideas on an optional basis and will draw up a concrete business plan. The intensive work phases are regularly interrupted by valuable consulting phases. This feedback offered by members from both universities is intended to broaden horizons and constantly rethink one's own approach.

The highlight of this part is the evaluation of the business plans by a jury of representatives from the event partners and the universities, at the end of which the best teams are awarded prizes.

## **Social Programme**

Part of the Summer School is an interesting social programme consisting of culture and country-specific highlights. We will also visit young companies in Rwanda together.

In 2022, the social programme as well as the exchange with the companies will take place virtually, in future events it is planned on site in Rwanda.

#### **Your Benefits**

- Develop your own business from an initial idea.
- Learn about Green Profit as a link between financial success and environmental/social responsibility.
- Gain basic economic knowledge of all influencing factors.
- Understand the meaning of entrepreneurial thinking and acting.
- Discover challenges and opportunities on the way forward.
- Develop a deeper customer understanding and basic marketing knowledge.
- Realise market dynamics and competition.
- Experience teamwork, build a network of contacts, find business partners and friends.
- Broaden your horizons through intercultural cooperation.
- Have fun during the social programme and learn about the specifics of the partner.

# Our partners



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