THE PROJECT

PBL-BioAfrica is a collaborative project for strengthening the capacity of and developing bio-entrepreneurship education in Kenya and Zambia. Through problem-based learning, students and graduates will be equipped with practical and entrepreneurial skills to meet the needs of working life. In addition, the concept of open university for non-degree students will be introduced in the partner countries to promote life-long learning.

The project will have a significant impact across sub-Saharan Africa, as the results will be shared through the RUFORUM network. Strengthening national and international partnerships between universities, companies, societal organisations and policymakers ensure the continuation of development even after PBL-BioAfrica’s lifetime.

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