



## International Student Exchange 2016 – 2019

### Student Feedback Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to evaluate the lessons learned of the AIR international student exchange.

By filling out this feedback report, you agree that your picture and experience will be published on the homepage of the AIR project. <http://www.air-project.org/>

Name of student:	Mutinta Sichali
Gender:	Female
Age:	45years
Degree:	PhD
Hosting university:	Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt
Sending university:	University of Zambia
Period of exchange:	2weeks
Field of study/major:	Engineering
Field of interest during exchange:	Energy efficiency in buildings
Further graduation plans (e.g. PhD program):	To complete PhD studies

Please tick the appropriate box	I strongly agree	I agree	I neither agree nor disagree	I disagree	I strongly disagree
<b>Program</b>					
I gained insights into the practical implementation of RE in the host country (sight visits etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I gained knowhow in field of my study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The courses were helpful for my further research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The agenda was well structured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Organization</b>					
The journey preparations were well organized	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The support during the exchange was good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The post processing of the exchange was well organized					
The reimbursement process was satisfactory					
The accommodation was pleasant					
Local transportation was well organized					
I socialized with local students					Type equation here.
I recommend the exchange					
Others:	<p>What would you like to be changed/ be improved for the future? The pocket allow is too little looking at the cost of living in the town. The amount could be improved</p> <p>Did you experience any difficulties during your exchange? Not much just the language barrier otherwise the people are wonderful.</p>				

*Please write a report about your student exchange including organization, agenda, experience, lessons learned, suggestions for improvement, and tips for other students (max. 590 words, Arial 12)*

My stay at the University was very informative. I learnt a lot about how faculty is organised. The agenda was very good as it didn't allow ideal time and I was able to learn about renewable energies in such a short time. I have learnt how electricity is made from photovoltaic systems, from biogas plants and energy from wind turbines. I have seen the relationships of renewables energies and the buildings which will help me further in my research projects. From what I have learnt I would like to focus on energy efficiency in buildings. I have made a lot of linkages which will help me to learn simulations on energy in buildings. I have also learnt how to use citations programmes from the young researchers that I interacted with.

I have learnt in this university how to get information and how to work independently but still get results. The interaction with the professors has been very cordial and they have been an inspiration. There was continuous learning which is good looking at the amount of time given. I learnt how lectures are conducted and how the lecturers are assessed. I learnt how the lectures are delivered and how students get involved in the lessons. I learnt how research is conducted and as I interacted with other PhD students I learnt what research they are doing and how they have tackled their topics which is very helpful for me as aim still formulating my research proposal. I interacted with those who have already got their PhD and they gave me a lot of hints on how they tackled their research.

**Lessons learnt-** The University allows students to work independently which is not common at my University. There is a lot of interaction between the students and their lectures and the lessons have a lot of practical assignments which happened in all

the lectures I attended. The excursions were very exciting and helped me visualise how each energy solution works. I have learnt to work more independently and at the same time I have learnt team work. I have seen how the research teams work and how projects get to be done by doing team work.

In future any student who takes part at the exchange programme should come with a clear research problem if they want to be helped and if they are to see well meaningful contribution from the colleagues from the receiving University. The colleges at the University should give more advice on the students' work so that they go away with a more meaningful interaction and a clear direction in their research.