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Annual Reporting Form for Development Research Projects (FFU Projects) supported by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

For the year: 01 August - 31 December 2011

Does this report contain information that will require immediate action from DFC? Yes No

The reporting requirements are stated in the "General Conditions for Grants to Development Research Supported through Denmark's International Development Cooperation". The title, specific conditions etc. for each project are as stated in the Letter of Grant. For projects with several partners, the reporting must be based on a mutually agreed text.

1	PROJECT	
	Project title	The Platform 'Environment & Climate' under the initiative 'Building Stronger Universities in developing countries'
	DFC File no.	
	Project website	http://bsuec.org/
2	Project Coordinator	
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	Name	University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM)
	Address	UDSM, P.O. Box 35131, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
	E-mail	Dean-cebe@ce.udsm.ac.tz
	Name	University of Ghana, Legon (UG)
	Address	UG P.O.Box LG 25, Legon, Accra, Ghana
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5	Time Frame	
	Project period (approved start and end date)	01 August 2011 - 31 July 2013
	Extension of project period, if any , with date of approval by DFC	
6	Conditions	
	Conditions , if any, set for the approval or extension of the project (i.e. in the Letter of Grant). Describe the action taken during the year to fulfill such conditions.	
7	Annual Expenditure	
	Original Annual Budget	216,790 DKK
	Actual annual expenses (must correspond with the Annual Accounts)	191.794 DKK
	Explanation of deviations from the original budget.	Salary expences to BSUEC Coordinator less than expected
8	Progress of the Project during the Year	
	Describe the progress made towards the fulfilment of the approved objectives	<p>THE MAIN OBJECTIVE within the funding period 1st August - 31st December 2011 was to elaborate and submit the Inception Report for approval by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Inception Report was submitted on November 15th 2011 and after minor adjustments approved by the Ministry on December 15th 2011.</p> <p>MAJOR MILESTONES:</p> <p>Goverance Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BSUEC Coordinator. Prior to the funding period, the position as the BSUEC platform coordinator was announced in May 2011 and interviews were held in early July 2011. Eventually, Susanne Lildal Amsinck was employed as the BSUEC coordinator and maintained this position throughout 2011. - Platform Working Groups (PWGs). PWGs with chairs were established at the four African partner universities (KNUST, UG, SUA, UDSM). The Danish Platform Steering Committee (PSC) decided to postpone the decision on appointing Danish members for the PWGs, until Danish researchers for PhD co-supervision had been appointed, since from a logical and participation point of view, these persons would be potential candidates as members of the respective PWGs. Therefore, the PSC tentatively appointed the BSUEC platform chair (Jørgen E. Olesen) with support by the BSUEC coordinator Susanne L. Amsinck to serve as the Danish representatives of the PWGs. - The appointment of the local BSUEC administrators/project officers at each African partner university was postponed until early 2012 due to the delay of release of funds by Universities Denmark.

Activity Planning

- The BSUEC chairman (Jørgen E. Olesen) visited the four African partner universities in mid-August 2011. The visits were coordinated with the chairman of the BSU Platform on Growth and Employment (Christian Pilegaard Hansen) aiming at discussing and agreeing on a joint governance structure as well as to further assess the research capacity needs and further develop platform specific activity plans.

- The visits were followed up, draft activity plans further developed, and information to assess specific needs for capacity building were obtained through a close dialogue between the BSUEC coordinator and the PWGs at the four African partner universities

- The PhD scholarships for SUA and KNUST were announced during September - November, whereas the scholarships for UG and UDSM were announced in early 2012.

- Meetings aiming at coordinating activities and ensuring synergies were held between the Danish BSU platform coordinators, chairs, steering committees and scientific members.

- The Danish PSC decided that all assignments involving payment of Danish university staff by the BSUEC Platform should be based on an open, transparent and competitive process (termed 'Matchmaking'). The aim is to secure that BSU implementation is handled by the most competent staff available. The following process was approved (November 2011): The BSUEC coordinator is to make public calls for Expression of Interest (EoI's) with clear selection criteria of the EoI given; interested Danish university staff to submit EoI's with a short CV attached; the Danish PSC to make decisions in close collaboration with the PWGs based on recommendations from the BSUEC coordinator.

- The first BSUEC Matchmaking targeted at Danish researchers for teaching at PhD courses and Scientific writing workshops were announced on 25th November (deadline 31st December 2011).

- A seminar targeted at matchmaking activities and assignments for interested staff from Danish universities were held on December 13th 2011 at Aarhus University.

- On December 31st a total of 23 'EoI' had been submitted for 13 different assignments at the four African partner universities.

- As funding for BSU was not in place within this funding period no activities were initiated in Africa in the reporting period.

Dissimination

- The previous platform website (www.environmentandclimate.dk) was replaced by the new and improved website (www.bsuec.org). The website was launched October 1, 2011.

		- Newsletters and announcements were sent out frequently by the BSUEC coordinator to platform members in order to ensure open, transparent and efficient communication.
	Describe the progress made in reaching the outputs/results	Given the project was only approved two weeks before end of the reporting period and no funds were allocated within the reporting period activities focused on laying down the implementation structure and modalities for the remaining funding period.
	Describe the progress in terms of research capacity building	Building Stronger Universities obligation is according to the contract with Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to facilitate Institutional Capacity Building. Research Capacity Building constitutes only part of the mandate. BSUEC has not started implementation in the reporting period so no tangible progress within its mandate has been made.
	Describe the status of the project management and partnership	Project management was during the reporting period constrained by the fact that the main governance body for local decision making, implementation, monitoring and evaluation the 'Platform Working Groups' at each of the for partner universities were newly established and had not had time to meet face to face. That implied that the important discussions of South demands and priorities during the Inception Phase was not as smooth running and South led as intended. True partnerships take time to develop as they build on shared decision power, transparency, trust and mutual respect. BSUEC view the 'Platform Working Groups' as instrumental in this process but acknowledge that the partnership has to evolve in its own pace.
	Describe the progress made of the communication activities during the year	BSUEC coordinator has operated the BSUEC website on which all relevant information and news have been posted. The website has been kept updated throughout the reporting period. In addition the BSUEC coordinator has frequently circulated newsletters and announcements to all BSUEC platform members in Africa and Denmark as well as to the coordinators and chairs of the remaining BSU platforms and Universities Denmark (Secretariat). Beyond that, the BSUEC coordinator has held an ongoing and intensive dialogue with the PWGs in Ghana and Tanzania, the Danish PSC and the members of the BSUEC platform.
	Brief description of the progress during the year towards the approved objectives, to be published at Danida Research Portal http://drp.dfccentre.com/	The Inception Report of the Environment & Climate Platform was approved by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
	Dansk oversættelse af ovenstående resumé.	Udenrigsministeret (DANIDA) har godkendt 'Inception Rapporten' for Platformen Miljø & Klima under initiativet 'Building Stronger Universities in developing countries'.
9	Substantive Changes	
	Have any of the involved institutions and responsible persons been changed? If so, please list the changes, the actions taken and consequences.	The Danish PSC member of Copenhagen University Niels Ehlers Koch was replaced by Lars Graudal at the end of 2011.
	List any new factors possibly affecting the achievement of the objectives in the future and describe how the project will address them.	

	Which changes in the information about the project found at the Danida Research Portal http://drp.dfcentre.com/ are required?	
10	Statements and Permits	
	Affirm that the required research permits, ethical approvals and authorizations in partner country/ countries and in Denmark were in place before the start of the activities. List any new approvals/ authorizations obtained during the year and explain the status for any documents still not obtained.	
	Lessons learnt	
11	Describe lessons learnt, including positive experiences or solutions of interest for other research projects and FFU.	True partnerships take time to develop as they are building on shared decision power, transparency, trust and mutual respect. BSUEC view the 'Platform Working Groups' as instrumental in this process but acknowledge that the partnership has to evolve in its own pace.
12	Summary	
	Give a brief presentation (max 1500 keystrokes) of the results and impact of the project, suited for presentation to the general public and at the Danida Research Portal http://drp.dfcentre.com/ .	To be filled by Universities Denmark, Arne Skov Andersen.


Attachments:

- List of publications, proceedings etc. produced by the project during the year, with possible links.
- For individual PhD projects: Supervisor's statement regarding the progress of the PhD project(s) during the year
- For Larger Strategic Projects: Overview of the progress of the PhD and MSc educations within the project

The Project Coordinator and the institution herewith confirm that the information given in the annual report is correct:

Date: 20/5-2012 Printed name: Susanne AMSINCK Signature: 

Head of Responsible Institution:

Date: 21/5-2012 Printed name: CHRISTIAN KJER Signature: 

Appendix 3a



BUILDING STRONGER UNIVERSITIES
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Annual Accounts Form. Building Stronger Universities Project

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YEARLY: X
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The accounts cover the period

from: 01-08-2011 to: 31-12-2011

Project Coordinator:

Susanne Udal Amsinck

Name of Institution:

BIOS, Aarhus University

Project Title: X

Platform on Environment & Climate

Project Period:

01-08-2011 - 31-07-2013

Size of Grant Awarded (DKK):

8.000.000

Prefilled by Danish
platform
coordinator

	Accounts				Budget		
	Denmark DKK	Partner Abroad Local Currency	Partner Abroad DKK	Partner Abroad Local Currency	Total DKK	Original budget	Deviation ¹⁾
1. Salaries and Emoluments	128.727,81				128.727,81	150.000,00	21.272,19
2. Taximeter/Educational Grants					0,00		0,00
3. Expenses for Trips Abroad and Fieldwork	30.795,82				30.795,82	30.658,00	-137,82
4. Project and Research Equipment					0,00		0,00
5. Project and Research Materials	304,52				304,52		-304,52
6. Publication, Dissemination and Communication					0,00		0,00
7. Subtotal (headings 1-6)	159.828,15	0,00	0,00	0,00	159.828,15	180.658,00	20.829,85
8. Adm. fees (partner in South: max. 7%)	31.965,63				31.965,63	36.131,60	4.165,97
9. (DFC expenses)					0,00		0,00
10. External audit (final accounts)					0,00		0,00
Total Amount (headings 1-10)	191.793,78	0,00	0,00	0,00	191.793,78	216.789,60	24.995,82

¹⁾ The accounts should be commented and deviations from the approved budget explained in the Annual Report. It should be specified if unused funds should be transferred to the next financial year.

Funds carried forward from previous year:

Disbursements from Universities Denmark (by SDU administration):

Amount (DKK):	Date:

0,00

Expenses paid directly by Danida Fellowship Center (DFC), (should be equivalent to item 9 above)

Interest revenue

Other revenue

Total revenue

0,00

Minus expenses specified in the above accounts

191.793,78

= Balance/Unexpended funds

-191.793,78

Date:

20/5/2008

Name: Susanne Amsinck
Signature: 
Project Coordinator

Date:

20/5

Name: Edith Nilgen
Signature: 
Accountant

An endorsement statement from the Institution's accounting officer (appendix 4) must be enclosed.

Notes:

- 1 Mark if the accounts are yearly or final
- 2 The administration fee should be calculated on the basis of the subtotal 1-6.
- 3 The latest approved budget must be included in the appropriate column and deviations commented.
- 4 Disbursements made by the Danish platform host university during the year must be disclosed in the account.
- 5 Funds carried forward from previous years must be disclosed in the account.

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Transfers from Denmark to the partner institution abroad:

Partner Institution:	Amount:	Date:	Rate:

The specified exchange rate at time of transfer will be used to calculate the transferred amount in DKK