

Polytechnic and UAS JENA sign three agreements

The Polytechnic of Namibia and the University of Applied Science (UAS) Jena, Germany, recently signed three agreements aimed at strengthening cooperation between the two institutions in the field of student exchanges and renewable energy.

One of the agreements, signed by Professor Gabriele Beibst and Professor Tjama Tjivikua, Rectors of Jena UAS and the Polytechnic, respectively, provides an offer of scholarships to two Polytechnic students for a semester visit to UAS in 2012. The scholarship is open to third and fourth year students studying towards a Bachelor degree in either Business Administration or Industrial Engineering.

The second agreement regulates cooperation between the two institutions in the fields of education and research within the programme 'Welcome to Africa,' launched by the German Academic Exchange Service.

Elaborating on the agreement, Prof. Beibst said: "Both institutions agree to support the student and staff exchange programmes by waiving tuition fees and mutually recognising academic courses completed by the students at either institution."

The third agreement covered cooperation between the two institutions in the field of Renewable Energy, which falls under a tripartite agreement between the Polytechnic, UAS and Adama University in Ethiopia.

The three universities will jointly support the 'Energy Supply in the Rural African Area' project.

Prof. Beibst emphasised that in terms of the third agreement, the



Prof. Tjama Tjivikua, Rector of the Polytechnic of Namibia, is pictured with Prof. Dr. Gabrielle Beibst, President of Jena University, left, and Prof. Heike Kraußlach, Professor in Business Administration and Health Management.

Polytechnic will offer direct support to the research activities of doctoral candidates and students, as well as knowledge exchange between the project partners.

Prof. Tjivikua thanked Jena UAS for having kept the partnership active since 2002. He announced that UAS had expressed interest in extending its collaboration with the Polytechnic to other fields, such as Renewable Energy, Innovation and Bio-medical Health Training.

"We have collaborated in various fields such as Business, Engineering, Legal, Natural Resources and Entrepreneurship in the past," the Rector said.