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University of Ghana iWeek 2024 Experience Report

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I was able to take part in the iWeek 2024 held at the University of Ghana, Accra. The 5-day event brought together educators and administrative staff from UG partner universities around the globe and featured partner discussions, panels, and workshops to further cooperations, as well as sightseeing and cultural interludes with students and staff.



It was an honor to represent the University of Freiburg and the Erasmus+ Programme at the Symposium “[Rethinking Internalisation in Africa: The Equity Question](#)”.



My experience of the UG campus was fantastic. The expansive area features not just lecture buildings, student dormitories, and libraries, but various markets and night markets, a huge selection of cafeterias and small restaurants, kindergarten and elementary schools for the children of students and staff, botanical gardens, art exhibitions as well as libraries and student halls.

A particular highlight were the performances by the Faculty of Performing Arts. We were introduced to folk tales, a variety of dance and musical performances as well as theatre, all with traditional significance and joyously portrayed by the students.





Food was also a great way to get to know Ghana. And what a joy it was to eat our way through Jollof, Kelewele, Groundnut soup and Fufu! Ghanaians are (rightfully!) proud of their cuisine and I highly, highly recommend eating as much of it as you can, especially if you have enthusiastic students taking you to their favourite local restaurants.



The University of Ghana is studded with internationally recognised staff, lecturers and researchers. Among others, I got to meet with Judith Boateng, an archivist and venerable specialist in all things research and preservation. It will be our pleasure to host her in September here in Freiburg for an Erasmus+ exchange.



It was truly a pleasure to meet the dedicated team behind the International Programmes Office, Rosemary Tagoe (4th left) and Barbara Blankson (2nd left) as well as Dean of International Programmes Dr. Eric Osei-Assibey (5th right), as well as all their supporting staff.



Thank you to UG for an incredible week
and an unforgettable experience!