

Dr. Alabi has written numerous articles and contributions to books; he also has served as a co-editor of the volumes 13 and 14 of the African Development Perspectives Yearbook. He was invited in this period of research in Bremen to important workshops and conferences worldwide, among others to the The Philippines, Uganda, Ghana, and to London, UK. He also has contributed to numerous IWIM events, seminars and conferences, and he has as well served as a member of a PhD Committee. We hope that the cooperation with Dr. Alabi will be continued also in the future on mutually interesting areas of research. Dr. Alabi will now return to his office at the Department of Agricultural Economics, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Edo State, Nigeria - from the IWIM we wish him the best for his further career, and we also wish him and the whole family health and prosperity.

The Nigeria Country Workshop gave a further possibility to listen to presentations on new researches by Dr. Alabi on “Progressivity Of Education Spending In Nigeria” and on “Redistribution of Education and Redistributive Effects of Education Spending In Nigeria”. Various staff, friends, colleagues, and students contributed and attended the workshop. Among them were Professor Dr. H. H. Bass (a former IWIM staff member), Dr. O. O. Uzor (an IWIM research associate, holding a PhD from Bremen University), Dr. S. Ebenthal (working in the finance business in Hamburg, and holding a PhD from Bremen University), and Dr. Ubaydulla Nadirkhanov (from the University in Uzbekistan, and currently guest researcher in the research group of Professor Sell at the University of Bremen under a DAAD Fellowship Agreement). Dr. T. Kifle (a former research associate at IWIM, holding a PhD from Bremen, and now working at the Social Research Centre of the University of Queensland, Australia) and Dr. Anil Kumar Kanungo (from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade/IIFT in New Delhi, India, and an IWIM cooperation partner) contributed to the event with papers and presentations.

The papers presented at the Workshop will be published in the IWIM Blue Series Discussion Papers (the paper by

Dr. T. Kifle has already appeared as the number 116). The Workshop was prepared excellently by research assistant

A. Tchokam (a student from Cameroon) and by his team. A. Tchokam has also supported Dr. Alabi in organizational matters during the recent months.”