

Invited Talk

Global course ICT4D in the Field

Fri 11 June 2021, 09:00 GMT, 11:00 CEST/UTC+2

09:00_{GH} / 11:00_{EU} / 17:00_{MY} Prof. Dr. Saa Dittoh (UDS, Ghana):

Knowledge for Service: Digital Technology Positives and Negatives in African Rural Societies

Abstract. Many decades ago (and possibly now in some areas) in rural Africa, communal methods of information sharing were not always face-to-face; some were virtual, through high-pitched voices and/or loud sounding "talking drums" that gave "coded information". No wonder that many African rural societies have no reservations adopting appropriate modern digital technologies. The rapid advance in digital technology has been positive in many ways but there are several negative and damaging aspects that threaten the values, cultures and even the very existence of some African rural societies. In this talk I discuss those threats and suggests ways to counter them. This talk further highlights how knowledge can be put to service and how university students can be engaged in this.



Bio. Professor Saa Dittoh is an agricultural development and food systems economist with the West African Centre for Water, Irrigation and Sustainable Agriculture (WACWISA) at the University for Development Studies (UDS), Tamale in (Northern) Ghana. He has special interest in the promotion of smallholder agriculture in relation to food and nutrition security, sustainable agricultural and food systems, irrigation and agricultural water management technologies, sustainable natural resources management, ICT for rural development and participatory learning approaches. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE). He has been a consultant to several international, continental and national organizations for decades, including UNICEF, WFP, FAO, IFAD, The World Bank, AfDB, World Vision, USAID, DFID, EU and others. He participated actively in the development of Ghana's Medium Term Agriculture Sector Development Plans (METASIP I and II), Ghana's Long Term Development Plan (2018 – 2057) and several other national and continental development endeavors. Prof. Dittoh has been Head of Department, Dean of Faculty, Dean of Students and Pro-Vice Chancellor at the UDS.



Moderator: Dr. Anna Bon

The global course ICT4D in the Field is part of the Aurora European Universities Alliance program *Digital Society & Global Citizenship*.

Event link: <https://vu-live.zoom.us/j/95495246826> Passcode: ICT4DitF











Photo: h3ticaland.com

ICT4D in the Field

An open webinar by Prof Dr Saa Dittoh from University of Development Studies, Ghana for postgraduate students undertaking the global course "ICT4D in the Field" by Aurora European Universities Alliance will be held on Friday, 11 June 2021, 5.00pm (MYT).

All are welcomed to join this webinar. To join, click the event link below:

Event link: <https://vu-live.zoom.us/j/95495246826>

Passcode: ICT4DitF