I’m Stephen Oyiborume, a Masters student of the Prestigious Department of Adult Education, University of Lagos Akoka, Yaba Lagos, Nigeria. The first week of the two weeks 2019 Summer school at University of Lagos, Nigeria, was a great international exposure into the international Dialogue on Academic Adult Education: Curricular Structures and Teaching Modes in Adult/Lifelong Education. Concepts ranging from adult education, lifelong learning, Curricular Structure in Adult Education, various providers of adult and continuing education, were discussed. The first week also feature field visits to Lagos, Nigeria adult education organizations- Nigeria Opportunities Industrialization centers, Nigeria Railway Institutes, Ministry of Labor Employment and productivity and finally to the University of Lagos Literacy School. These field visits gave us the opportunity to know more and understand how Adult education is been provided in Nigeria and how they are been funded. The first week also witness our visit to the beach on the island of Lagos called Oniru Beach and this afforded us the opportunity to know more about one another, share ideas and had so much fun.
The second week featured a lot of brainstorming, teamwork, role plays, idea sharing, series of reflections, debates and presentation sessions on the questions of Didactics and methods in Academic Adult Education, didactics, methods, and learning experiences in Nigerian and German Universities among others. It was a great honor and pleasure for me to participate in the Summer School 2019. It was a delight to see such a well-organized program that offers international exposure, broaden one’s cultural and academic horizon yet interesting and content embedded. Aside enhancing my proficiency in the field of adult education and alongside building my resume, meeting students and scholars from German in particular University of Wurzburg by working towards achieving the same career goal as mine is most valuable. Diverse tasks that silently brought out our strengths and weaknesses through excellent team work, it energized and increased the tenacity of our strength and leverage on the weak part to expose us to awesome possibilities that could erupt from the seemingly area of weakness. The Summer School is an ideal platform that acts as a strategic think tank to enhance a constructive dialogue and collaboration on themes relevant to adult education and lifelong learning; an awesome opportunity I doubt if any other platform can give. It was an invaluable opportunity to gather together, interact and exchange findings and views with students, practitioners and experts from Germany and Nigeria and this has enriched my experience with more information, knowledge and confidence. Summer School 2019 is not just an experience to be kept in the archive session of my memory but one that will form the basis of the achievement of my career goal in the long run, a constant drive to be more in my pursuit of my long term goal, one that fuels my desire to be a world renowned adult educator. Its impact will sure transcend generations.

Less I forget! Distinguish, kind and helpful team members from Germany and other Universities in Nigeria you’ve got at the summer school, their sight exudes excellence and acts like a wakeup call to give back in every way I can to the field of adult education in all selflessness, diligence and excellence. My sincere appreciation goes to the Summer School
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Two weeks with the great scholars in adult education at the summer school was really an epistle of a life on its own. It is hard to explain such an awesome blend of learning about yourself, about others, and with others. Excellent program, excellent organization.

Best Regards,

Stephen Oyiborume.