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When Kennedy Mpaliw a Habsimbi moved into his apartment near Stuttgart, his landlady invited all the neighbours over. "We had a mini-party and I got to know everyone – that was very nice and made me feel welcome", says Kennedy Habasimbi from Zambia.

Kennedy studied for a Master in Agriculture Science, Food Security and Natural Resources Management on the Tropics and Subtropics at the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart.

He is an open-minded person, greeting many people when moving around the campus, chatting here and there. "I now feel at home in Hohenheim. Very helpful to get adjusted was the so-called tandem programme. My German tandem-partner wanted to practice her English and I wanted to become familiar with the city and the culture in Germany", explains Kennedy. So they moved around in tandem at the beginning of his studies.

Having graduated in 'Agricultural Engineering' in his African hometown and after having gained some experience as project manager in a rural development project, he decided to learn more about efficient technologies and later take the knowledge back home. He enrolled in the Hohenheim Master Programme Agriculture Sciences, Food Security and Natural Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics: "Since I feel that food in Germany is pretty safe, I plan to go back to Africa and help increase productivity and safety of food production there," says Kennedy.

The 30-year old engineer and master student will visit another country on another continent for his master thesis. He has just received a scholarship from the Eiselen Foundation in Ulm, Baden-Württemberg for his thesis on the possibility of reducing costs and energy used for fruit drying in Thailand. "The workload is heavy here in Hohenheim, we have exams every three weeks and we also have to work for our living", says Kennedy smiling. He enjoys being busy. In Africa, mostly time is not so important, but the happening of the activity. So his German friends never know when he will start cooking his vegetarian meals at the weekends but they certainly know that he will and that it will taste good.

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