This publication comprises the main results of the first major comparative survey of graduate employment and work in various African countries. It is based on ten surveys undertaken in six African countries (Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda).

The studies were carried out in the framework of the so-called "Study Programme on Higher Education Management in Africa" administered by the Association of African Universities (AAU),

The ten studies largely followed a common conceptual framework and employed similar questionnaires. The researchers in charge of the ten graduate surveys cooperated in the development of the questionnaire, the data processing, and the analysis of their findings.

Supported by researchers of the International Centre for Higher Education Research Kassel an overall dataset was established on the basis of which a comparative analysis was undertaken.

The comparative study addresses a broad range of issues salient for the debates about the relationships between higher education and the world of work in Africa.