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The Georgian ambassador to Germany, Professor Levan Izoria, and the Georgian consul general, Levan Diasamidze, visited RWTH on September 22, 2020, where the delegation was received by RWTH Rector Ulrich Rüdiger. The visit took place in the context of a visit to Forschungszentrum Jülich, which has been collaborating with various Georgian universities since 2004

via the "Georgian German Science Bridge." The visit to RWTH was organized by Professor Achim Stahl from the Physics Institute III B in cooperation with the RWTH International Office.

The discussions focused, in particular, on how the RWTH physics and chemistry departments could best support the establishment of Bachelor's programs at the newly founded Kutaissi International University. Furthermore, the delegation and their hosts discussed further opportunities for collaboration as part of the Capacity Building working group established by Professor Ute Habel, the University's vice-rector for international affairs.

RWTH is planning to organise a visit to Georgia in 2021 as well as the initiation of further collaborative projects. The ambassador was very impressed by the existing and planned joint activities and assured his full support for the further development of the collaboration.