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Integrating Systems for Sustainable Agricultural Intensification

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DAAD Agriculture-Alumni Network - Workshop 'Integrating Systems for Sustainable Agricultural Intensification'

11th – 17th September 2022 - Hohenheim - Prague

The continuous increase in global population and change in consumption patterns have resulted in an increasing demand for rich in nutrient diets. To meet this demand, there is intensification of crop and livestock production. These practices have generated several negative trade-offs and discussions as to how to sustainably provide food through integrating various production systems. Promising innovations to address the current and future challenges in the sector are emerging across the agricultural landscape, showcasing the combination of great science, technology and collective action towards a more sustainable future for crop and livestock production globally.

For these reasons, the *DAAD Agriculture-Alumni Training Network* is organizing a one-week workshop in Germany and Czech Republic. The theme for this workshop is '**Integrating Systems for Sustainable Agricultural Intensification**'. This initiative will bring together German university alumni from East Africa for a 7-day workshop hosted by the University of Hohenheim including the international Tropentag conference in Prague under the topic "*Can agroecological farming feed the world? Farmer's and academia's view*". The entire program will last from 11th to 16th September 2022, participants are expected to arrive on 10th September and accommodation will be provided until 17th September.

The workshop will entail various visits to predetermined projects to allow participants engage with concrete examples of integrated systems in agriculture in Germany by extension. This will not only provide the alumni with the rare opportunity to learn more of the new sustainable systems in Agriculture but also strengthen their networks with both existing and new colleagues engaging in the agricultural sector. This initiative is jointly organised by University of Hohenheim, German Institute for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture (DITSL) / University of Kassel in Witzenhausen. The Alumni program is supported by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).



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Program highlights

- ❖ Workshop at the University of Hohenheim with on-site visits and specialised seminars in Meiereihof, Heidfeldhof and Kleinhohenheim research facilities.
- ❖ State of the art work-shop contributions of international scientists addressing integrated agricultural systems for sustainable and innovative land use.
- ❖ Introduction of exchange opportunities and tools for German-African Alumni-Networks.
- ❖ Pre-conference work-shop at Tropentag 2022 in Prague. “Decoding agroecology - a guiding concept for sustainable transition of African agricultural systems?”
- ❖ Participation at Tropentag conference in Prague 14-16 September 2022 “Can agroecological farming feed the world? A farmer’s and academia’s view”, 800 international participants, with more than 100 oral and 300 poster presentations. The Tropentag is the largest European annual interdisciplinary conference on research in tropical and subtropical agriculture, natural resource management and rural development. The Tropentag is a development-oriented and interdisciplinary conference. It addresses issues of resource management, environment, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, food, nutrition and related sciences in the context of rural development, sustainable resource use and poverty alleviation worldwide.
- ❖ About Tropentag’s topic: Can agroecological farming feed the world? Farmers' and academia's views.

The debates on global food production challenges have become polarised, among both scientists and farmers, widening the gap between the advocates of industrial agriculture and global commerce, and the supporters of local food systems and organic farming. Tropentag 2022 will review recent research results that address these challenges from various points of view, with different approaches. Discussions in plenary and thematic sessions, guided poster tours, and workshops will provide participants with new ideas to enhance our understanding of the potential capacity of agroecology to maintain and restore soil health, conserve biodiversity and adapt to climate changes and help us face future crises, together with meeting the challenge of feeding global populations.

- ❖ Workshop for multipliers for German-African Alumni-Networks on 17th September (limited to 10 places).



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Costs and Funding



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The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is kindly supporting the project seminar. 100% of the accommodation and transportation expenses will be financed. Accommodation expenses include food and hotels at both workshop venues, while transportation expenses include flight costs to Germany and transport by travel coach from Stuttgart to Prague and back.

Who is eligible to apply

Applicants with an Eastern African nationality who are Alumni of a German learning institution can apply for participation in this workshop. They must have spent at least 3 months at the German learning institution. Information about the stay in Germany has to be indicated in the CV.

How to apply

Please submit the following documents:

1. Application form <https://forms.gle/2Df5Xjs3cU9G1Ng97>
2. Short motivation letter also indicating the name and date of and duration of stay at the German learning institution (ca. 1/2 page)
3. Short Curriculum Vitae (ca. 2 pages)
4. If you submitted an abstract for the Tropentag conference 2022, attach a copy

Please submit all documents as **one PDF** file to maria.oguche@uni-hohenheim.de by close of business on the **13.06.2022**

Further questions, please contact:

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