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## ACP-EU Cooperation Programme in Science & Technology II

### Call for Applications

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**ACP-EU Science & Technology (ACP S&T II)**  
The programme aims to foster and expand science, technology and innovation in Africa, the Pacific and the Caribbean countries and is meant to contribute to poverty eradication, growth and socio-economic development in these regions.

**Deadline: February 7, 2013**

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## Alumni Special Projects

The University of Cottbus invites Germany Alumni for the international summer school "The Integration of Renewable Energy Technologies into the Decentralized Energy Supply Systems in Developing Countries" (March 31—April 7) in the framework of the Hannover Messe 2013 (April 8 - 11).

**Application deadline:**  
**January 31, 2013**

Info: <http://www.daad.de/entwicklung/hochschulen/alumniarbeit/08175.de.html>

## Editorial

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## German and Kenyan students fight soil erosion and flood risk in Voi

Was this what his worship the Mayor Cllr. Thomas K. Mwatela of Voi expected? In November 2011, he keenly listened to a presentation by Prof. Dr. Robert Juepner (University of Kaiserslautern, Germany) at the annual DAAD conference in Nairobi. The German professor was talking about experiences in the cooperation between universities and counties in the field of flood risk management in Germany.

In January 2012, Prof. Juepner and his colleague Prof. Dr. Achim Schulte (Freie Universität Berlin) visited him in Voi. Just one year later, Voi residents witnessed German and Kenyan students doing research together on the ground. The German students of civil engineering (Kaiserslautern) and environmental hydrology (Berlin) cooperated with Kenyan students from Taita Taveta University College (TTUC) and Pwani University. They studied the processes of soil erosion and flooding by surveying the gullies, measuring soil properties, interviewing locals as well as analyzing damages of culverts and buildings. Flooding and soil

## BMZ funded University Business Partnerships

between higher education institutions and business partners in Germany and in developing countries

German universities can apply for cooperation grants at the departmental or faculty level. Submission of a written project-related partnership agreement with the partner institution and a letter of confirmation between university and business partner is required.

The programme aims to improve higher education in developing countries, so as to be able to better meet the requirements of the job market, contribute to economic development and counteract the "brain drain" effect. All disciplines are eligible.

<http://www.daad.de/praxispartnerschaften>

**Application deadline: April 15, 2013**



Handing over the report: Dr. Too (TTUC), Prof. Achim Schulte, Mayor Mwatela of Voi, Prof. Robert Jüpner, Dr. Bernard Pwani U

erosion are the most dangerous natural hazards in this region. This collaboration was also made possible through the support of Prof. Hamadi Boga, Principal of TTUC.

As a result, a joint report was officially handed over to the mayor on January 14.

"Very interesting work in the field!"; "This is my first time doing a research project like this" – those statements came both from German and Kenyan students. They were very proud that their hard work will finally contribute to the efforts of the Municipal Council of Voi to cope with flood risk and soil erosion. It was exciting for all participants to learn from each other and to undertake "practical work in the field." Needless to say that the DAAD was supporting this project like many other activities.

Robert  
Juepner



## Association of Uganda-German Alumni (AUGA) is reborn

The AUGA annual general meeting was opened by the Assistant Treasurer AUGA, Mr Alipanga. He introduced the interim board of AUGA including the two German technical board members. He welcomed all members of AUGA who have benefited from German funding of any kind in Uganda or abroad and those who have attended German universities. At the event Dr Timm a retired German Veterinarian who was at Makerere University in the 1960s recounted how Uganda-German education ties date back to newly independent Uganda and how they resulted in advances in disease diagnosis such as the discovery of the Marburg disease.



The German Ambassador thanked Dr Mirjam Gille for helping to kick-start AUGA. He was glad that it had now been reborn and pledged to support it to grow and realize its mission. Although economic cooperation is the most visible pillar of German diplomacy in Uganda, cultural exchange was another important area, he said.

Mr Alfred Namoah, the Academic Registrar of Makerere University who represented the Vice Chancellor, conveyed the message of support from the Vice Chancellor and thanked the German government for its support in funding trainings of Ugandans and called upon the alumni to support the Female Scholarship Scheme for needy but bright girls.

The Association of Uganda-German Alumni (AUGA) is a membership organization that brings together German Alumni who live and work in Uganda. It aims at uniting Ugandan alumni who have got such a unique experience and exposure to Germany's quality education and training in Uganda. We encourage all those not yet registered with AUGA to do so.

Robert Kaliisa (Vice Secretary AUGA)

## DAAD Alumni Conference "Genetics between laboratory, field experiments and application" in Khartoum

A big conference on the application of genetics in agriculture and medicine with more than 100 participants from all regions of the country was held at the Sudanese Standards and Meteorology Organization Conference Hall in Khartoum on 8th November 2012. About three quarters of the participants were DAAD Alumni. The event was mainly organized by members of the DAAD Alumni Association Sudan, in particular Dr. Hassan Mudawi, Dr. Samir Shaheen, Dr. Sarra Saad and Dr. Muna AbdelAziz, assisted by the local DAAD representative Dr. Wolfram Full and the DAAD Regional Office in Nairobi that provided the necessary funds.



After the opening ceremony with short welcomes from Dr. Shaheen, Dr. Full, Mr. Hansert for the DAAD Regional Office and Ms. Koeller for the German Embassy the first session started with presentations from Sudanese scientists specialised in the uses of genetics within agriculture, medicine and veterinary medicine. Chairman of this session was a guest from Germany, Prof. Dr. Hartmut Stuetzel from the University of Hanover. The presentations were followed by lively discussions on this rather controversial issue.

Whereas the morning session was confined to questions about genetics within the natural sciences, the afternoon session centred on ethical considerations of genetics and was enriched by statements of representatives from religious communities on "Islam and Genetics" and "Christianity and Genetics."

**Calls, calls, calls....****Joint Call of European-African Project**

Deadline for submission:

**15 April 2013**

Collaborative activities such as Research, Innovation, and Capacity Building can be funded. Proposals regarding one of the following thematic fields can be submitted:

**Renewable Energies****Interfacing Challenges****New Ideas**

<http://www.erafrica.eu/1466.php>

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## Welcome, new PhD scholarship holders!

In November 2012, for the second time, Kenyan PhD scholarship holders to Germany were directly selected in Kenya. The selection committee awarded all seven available DAAD scholarships to Emmy Chirchir, Paul Tuda, Debbie Mbotha, John Mwaniki (KEMRI), Ivan Adolwa (CIAT-CSBF), Evans Rono and Julianne Muthinja. Five of the available 20 grants in the joint DAAD/GoK scholarship programme went to Micah Nyangau (Kenyatta U), Grace Ngatia (Pwani U), Hosea Mwangi (JKUAT), Walter Alando (Maseno U) and Fred Ongarora (Kisii UC). Six additional candidates got DAAD/GoK scholarships as they are staff members of universities or public research institutes. They are Patrick Kihara (Marist UC), Edna Ooko (MMUST), Esha Mohamed (Taita Taveta UC), Stephen Onyango (Maseno U), Rose Kimani (Chuka U) and Kenneth Sibiko (Egerton U). The students will start their German language course in April in Nairobi.

All applicants' PhD proposals were subjected to a rigorous plagiarism scanning. Several cases of academic cheating among high-level personalities in German politics and the subsequent public discussion have alerted DAAD whose funding for PhD scholarships to Germany amounts to a six-digit figure in Euros of German taxpayers' money. As honest and transparent scientific work should be key for every scientist and researcher, DAAD does not accept applications that do not uphold international scientific standards of ethics.

A similar selection exercise in Tanzania in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training in October awarded nine scholarships to Samwel Alananga Sanga, Luitfred Donacian Kissoly, Bathsheba Mahenge, Nkanileka Loti Mgonda, Mary Zacharia Charwi, Jacob Paul Muhondwa, Hanifa Twaha Massawe, Samwel S. Mhajida and Dominico Benedicto Kilemo. Second calls will be published in both countries for the remaining ten scholarships each.

## Afternoon tea makes it to the list of odd thinkers

To marry Kenyan and German scientists, DAAD Nairobi created a new event: The Afternoon Tea at DAAD.

The first Afternoon Tea at DAAD Nairobi was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012. Four professors from the University of Applied Sciences Augsburg presented their knowledge on Media and Communication. Professor Andreas Kunert presented an impressive photograph by one of his former students: A picture created out of more than 700 pictures. Taken during a football match, the student selected all pictures showing foul play and put them together to one image. As expected, the attendees did not fail to be impressed. Questions and answers marked the rather engaging three-hours session. Thanking everyone who participated in the tea party, DAAD Nairobi Director Christoph Hansert was delighted with the proceedings.

The second Afternoon Tea held on 27<sup>th</sup> of November dealt with the informal sector entrepreneurship in Kenya. Anne Juepner from UNDP presented her on-going PhD research. In an informal round of interested participants new views on the informal sector were exchanged. During both events it became obvious that the audience had a lot of expertise in the mentioned fields. Therefore also the presenter got some useful new ideas. The next Afternoon Tea will take place on 13 February, 2013, on the topic "New Innovations in Engineering."





## Pre-selection of PhD scholarships for Ethiopia

The annual pre-selection of the PhD scholarships in Germany took place in November at the German Embassy. Over 42 very qualified applicants, mostly young lecturers from Ethiopian universities, were interviewed by a high profile pre-selection committee. The committee consisted of 16 Ethiopians and four German Professors from various disciplines, most of them DAAD- and Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Alumni, who had thoroughly scrutinized the application documents beforehand.

The applicants had to present an excellent PhD project, have very good grades and references and clearly state why Germany was their preferred choice. Many of them were able to convince the panel. The Committee chose 16 out of the 42 applications to be forwarded for final selection to Germany. Early February 2013 the final selection for applications from all over Africa will take place. A panel of eminent German Professors, who had been designated by the DAAD Board, will finally decide. In April 2013, we expect the selected Ethiopian PhD applicants to commence their three and half years stay in Germany. The pre-selection committee was chaired by Christoph Hansert, Director of the DAAD Regional Office for Africa in Nairobi, Kenya. The preparations of the pre-selection were done by a well experienced team of the German Embassy in Addis Ababa in cooperation with the DAAD Lecturer.



Jana Zehle

### Study Visits / Seminars for Groups of Foreign Students to Germany

DAAD funds **Study Visits** and **Study Seminars and Practicals** in Germany by groups of foreign students under the direction of university teachers.

Main goals of the programme:

**Establish and cultivate contacts** between German and foreign universities,

**Present subject-related knowledge** by arranging corresponding visits, tours and information meetings (*Study Visits*) respectively by **organising subject-related seminars and practicals in the field of higher education**

Encourage **contact with German students and researchers**,

**Enable foreign students to gain a better understanding of economic, political and cultural life in Germany**

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### in African Studies

Between Addis Ababa U. Ethiopia; Stellenbosch U. South Africa; U de Yaoundé, Cameroon; U of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and University of Leipzig, Germany

While bachelor's students will primarily take part in the study programmes at the African host universities, master's students will additionally be able to conduct their own research under the supervision of African scholars or partake in traineeships. PhD students will work on their theses while joining the scientific exchange of ideas with colleagues.

The thematic focus of each three-month stay will be determined by the host universities. Students travelling to Tanzania will pursue primarily the study of language, literature and culture. In Stellenbosch, studies will be centred on political science and international studies as well as on culture and anthropology. In Addis Ababa, peace and security will be focused on while in Yaoundé courses in postcolonial studies and the transnational development of culture will be offered.

In addition up to two African scholars per year will be invited to the University of Leipzig to contribute to the teaching and research of the institutes and programmes involved.

More info: <http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~cas/en/welcome-to-afrika>

## Launching a new regional Alumni association

Under the auspices of the Bayreuth International Alumni Centre in conjunction with the DAAD, a new regional Alumni association called "Bayreuth International Alumni network for Eastern and Southern Africa" was formed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 in Eldoret.

This was a result of several years of successful cooperation between the Bayreuth International Alumni Association and two Kenyan universities, namely Maseno University and Moi University Eldoret. The launching took place during the annual Alumni meeting attended by 25 Bayreuth scholars from African universities and their German counterparts. Dr. Florence Indede from Maseno University was elected coordinator of the new Alumni association.

The event in Eldoret was part of the Bayreuth International Alumni Association project funded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. The launching of the new Alumni umbrella organization for Eastern and Southern Africa was done within the framework of the DAAD funded Alumni project of African Studies and Intercultural German Studies of the University of Bayreuth.

Part of the project was a conference entitled "Opportunities and Chances of New Media: Utilizing New Media and Technologies in Re-

search and Teaching" held in Eldoret from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Moi University that attracted several African scholars who presented scientific papers.

The DAAD was represented by Dr. Mirjam Gille (Uganda), Dr. Georg Verweyen and Dr. Shaban Mayanja (Kenya). The DAAD lecturers emphasized the role played by the DAAD in supporting African Alumni and networking projects. The University of Bayreuth was represented by the Head of the International Office, Dr. Annim Heinemann and the Vice president for International Affairs and External Contact, Prof. Stefan Leible, while Prof. Bobby L. Wishitemi, Deputy Vice Chancellor, spoke on behalf of Moi University.

The next Alumni meeting is scheduled to take place in Lomé, Togo, in 2013.

Shaban Mayanja



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