

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR APPLICATION

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
and
Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences
organize the
**DAAD Alumni Special Project 2022 in the framework of the
International Green Week, Berlin, Germany**

Dates of the project:

**January 13th - 20th, 2022: Training Seminar Week at the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf
University of Applied Sciences**

**January 20th - 25th, 2022: Participation in the International Green Week, Berlin,
Germany**

Seminar aims

Strengthening food security in DAC countries through sustainable agriculture and improved food value chain management

For more than 30 years, Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences (HSWT) has been involved in development cooperation through partnerships with international partner universities, with whom projects are jointly developed and implemented. HSWT has unique expertise in modern and practical agricultural and environmental technology education in the area of tension between science and application. The framework of the Alumni special project is used to deepen the knowledge of sustainable land use and improved food value chain management at the **Campus in Triesdorf** among 20 participants by means of practice-oriented further education and a transnational exchange of knowledge and experience. The use of sustainable management practices and an improved food chain management is indispensable for increasing agricultural productivity, reducing post-harvest losses and counteracting climate change. Continuing education in this evolving field of adapted modern methods of agriculture, adapted concepts of production, processing and marketing, as well as approaches of the protection of natural resources and the decentralised use of renewable energies, can help Alumni experts with their contribution to increase the resilience of certain ecosystems in their home regions.

A deep understanding of value chains in agriculture and food production is the basis for innovative and entrepreneurial activities and thus also for increasing income and improving rural livelihoods in DAC countries. This includes, among other things, business management skills to utilize the identified potential along the food value chain through viable and innovative business models.

The training seminar and the International Green Week 2022 are offered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in the framework of the programme Alumni Special Projects <https://www.daad.de/alumni-special-projects>. The international DAAD Alumni training seminar is organized and hosted by the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences. The costs will be mainly covered by funds from the DAAD provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Seminar Topics

- Sustainable crop production and sustainable animal husbandry concepts
- Food value creation management and the creation of business plans
- Economic and life cycle assessment methods for a better comparison of different production processes
- Diversification of agricultural production and regional development
- Food production in practice to gain understanding of food technology interrelationships and to illustrate food hygiene conditions during the process.

Tentative Programme: Training seminar and International Green Week 2022

The Seminar programme in Triesdorf will include:

- Midst of January 2022, the participants will come to Germany for the seminar weeks.
- In the week leading up to the International Green Week 2022, the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences will conduct various preparatory seminars coupled with thematic excursions as well as supplemental events.
- The final programme in Triesdorf will be published once all applications have been reviewed. **It is compulsory for participants to attend the entire programme: seminar, trade fair, social events.**
- Travel dates:

January 13th, 2022

January 14th - 19th, 2022

January 20th, 2022

January 21st - 24th, 2022

January 25th, 2022

Arrival in Triesdorf

Training seminar in Triesdorf

Travel from Triesdorf to Berlin

Participation in the International Green Week

Departure from Berlin

A special Note: Alternative Programme in 2022

Given the current global pandemic, associated uncertainty and its future dynamics, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) may have to decide to replace the *in situ* event in 2022 with an online alternative. This would imply modifications to the programme in year 2022, which will be announced to participants presumably not later than October 2021. If that worst case scenario will arise, an alternative programme to replace the designated onsite events in January 2022 will be created to provide the participants the missing knowledge contents in digital manner.

Eligibility criteria

This seminar targets Alumni of German universities

- from countries listed on the DAC list of the Global South ('developing') countries¹,
- who carried out research or studied in Germany for at least three months, and
- who are currently living and working in their home countries.

The applicant:

- (1) **has a proven background in the academic fields relevant to the specialising profile and topics of focus** of the training seminar programme of Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences (HSWT): agriculture, agricultural economics, food technology and food value chain management.
- (2) with respect to the topics mentioned in (1), the applicant has **adequate professional experience, personal interest and practical experience** in project development, industry, government agencies, NGOs, local communities, and competence in applied research in academia and industry,

¹ https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/infos-services-fuer-hochschulen/anlage_7_dac_laenderliste_berichtsjahre_2018-2020.pdf
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- (3) **will act as a potential multiplier** in transmitting the seminar results, will actively disseminate the acquired knowledge and will help develop innovative ideas and projects in her/his home country,
- (4) **has adequate English language proficiency** which is essential to actively participate in the events (online seminars, workshops, discussions, seminars in situ, etc.) as the programmes' working language will be English.

Eligibility of **repeated / returning attendees** at DAAD Alumni Special Projects:

Participation in Alumni Special Projects is limited to a maximum of two participations within a period of four years. The year of participation (not the year of application), is decisive for the calculation. (This rule does not apply for attendance in a digital Alumni Special Project).

Cost coverage

- International return air ticket to and from Frankfurt International Airport [FRA] (Berlin) **NOTE:** economy class airfare, of which, the lowest possible shall be considered
- Local airport transit to the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences and the International Green Week Berlin
- International travel and health insurance (subjected to a maximum of EUR 30,00) and the costs of procuring a visa to the Federal Republic of Germany
- Costs of accommodation and meals during the seminar stay at the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences and International Green Week 2022 (accommodation shall be provided on a full-board basis)
- All costs of transport for excursions during the preparatory programmes and International Green Week 2022
- International Green Week 2022 participation fee

NOTE: All other costs, such as the costs of transportation in your domicile, e.g. travel between your home and the local airport, all costs of visa procurement (except the exact visa fee), and any other documentation and administration fees must be borne by yourself.

Any extension to your stay before and after the seminar is only possible up to five working days and requires the submission of a comparison of airfare before you start your journey. Any difference between the airfares for the official inbound/outbound date(s) (see below) and the actual date of travel before/after the extension must be borne by you. You must also cover any additional travel costs, subsistence costs and/or other additional costs not stated here pertinent to your extension of stay.

Extensions of stay beyond five days must be of an official nature, for which, justification is required (e.g. visits to universities, organizations, institutions, companies, etc.) indicating the details about contact person(s) and a detailed daily plan of activities/programme of activities. In addition, these extensions must be approved by DAAD **before** the start of your travel. The decision by DAAD is final, non-negotiable and is made on an individual basis, based on your justification, the programme, etc.

IMPORTANT: Accommodation, meals, and all other logistics pertinent to your extended stay must be organised by yourself, and as required by the EU regulations, you must possess valid health insurance for the entire duration of your stay (including the extension).

It is a must that you participate in the entire programme from the first day of the training seminar programme until the last day of International Green Week 2022 in Berlin.

Application procedure

Your application (in English language) should emphasize your motivation and the professional / personal benefit. You should clearly and concisely illustrate how you plan to disseminate the gained knowledge during the training seminar in your domicile and what possible stakeholders you may reach out to for further collaboration in your professional career.

For your application, please fill in the **application form** which is available on

<https://ima.hswt.de/en/alumni-application>

NOTE: The completeness of your application and the personal data mentioned in the online application form will affect your eligibility as a participant.

Please submit your application, no later than **31st of August 2021** via the Online Portal.

After the review of your application by the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences and DAAD, the eligible participants will be notified by **end of September 2021**.

For further questions, please contact:

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