



The Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa

Striving to improve education and training for good land governance across Africa

NELGA Scholarship Programme

Overview

The Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA) is a partnership of over 50 leading African universities and research institutions with proven leadership in education, training and research on land governance. The network is established by the African Land Policy Centre (ALPC), formerly Land Policy Initiative (LPI), in cooperation with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the World Bank, with financial support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The purpose of NELGA is to enhance the role of selected African universities in the field of land policy and land management, with due regard to marginalised groups such as smallholders, pastoralists and women.

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports NELGA through a comprehensive scholarship programme available for young academics and professionals from all African Union member states.

NELGA: Qualifying tomorrow's decision makers



NELGA scholars during a visit of the Information Network Security Agency (INSA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

NELGA scholarship program

The NELGA scholarship program aims to support Master and PhD studies as well as short-term trainings for young candidates, mid-career professionals and researchers. An exchange of African and European professors accompanies the scholarship program.

The scholarship programme consists of 4 components:

- scholarships for Master and PhD programmes
- short-term research grants
- staff mobility
- accompanying measures

Master and PhD scholarships

The scholarships for Master and PhD programmes aim to strengthen human and institutional capacities for land governance. Hence, recipients are selected based on affiliation with institutions crucial to land policy development and implementation in Africa. Application is open for nationals or permanent residents of an African country. To date, five universities offer a wide variety of Master and PhD Programmes with regard to land policy:

Bahir Dar University	Land Policy and Governance (PhD)
Ardhi University	MSc/PhD Land Management MSc Urban Planning and Management MSc Real Estate PhD Land Administration
Namibia University of Science and Technology	MSc/PhD Spatial Science
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology	MPhil/PhD Planning MPhil/PhD Development Studies
University of the Western Cape - PLAAS	MSc/PhD Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies

Short-term research grants

The programme also provides research fellowships for young African nationals pursuing a Master's or a doctoral degree in Land Use Management/Land Governance or a related field. Applicants must be enrolled or be staff members at one of the NELGA network universities or associated institutions.

The fellowships are tenable in the field, at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education or a research institute in Africa and awarded for a period of one to six months. Applications, including a detailed description of the research proposal and a work schedule, can be handed in to the DAAD at any time, but at least three months before the intended research project.

"The scholarship programme is very helpful in creating connections with global researchers. It helps in experience sharing, knowledge transfer and circulation and it supports me in my further career as a researcher. I hope therefore, that thanks to the programme, I will be able to contribute to resolving some of the issues and conflicts related to land in Ethiopia."

- Firehiwot, scholarship holder

Staff exchange / Staff mobility

The staff exchange fellowships are designed to strengthen and promote demand-driven teaching and research as well as to foster mutual knowledge exchange within the land management and land policy sector in Africa. The fellowships aim at African and European nationals working as senior staff (PhD) at an African or European university (staff mobility). Both groups must be invited by one of the NELGA universities.

The staff mobility fellowship is granted for monitoring visits at NELGA universities as part of bi-nationally supervised dissertations or the implementation of education and/or training events (e.g. summer schools) for a period of one to twelve days.

Applications for the staff exchange and staff mobility fellowships, including a concept note indicating the duties and functions including detailed time and work (teaching) plan, can be handed in to the DAAD at any time, but at least three months before the intended visit at the host institution.

Achievements so far

In 2016 and 2017, **35 scholarships** were awarded to Master and PhD students from Bahir Dar University in Ethiopia, Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), Ardhi University in Tanzania and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Ghana, 13 of them were granted to women.

Accompanying measures

Funding can also be provided for accompanying measures related to the scholarship programme. Applications must demonstrate a connection to land governance, land management, land administration, land economics or a related field. The target groups for the accompanying measures are African scholarship holders and alumni from the NELGA Scholarship Programme; universities, research institutions and other educational institutions from the NELGA network; experts associated with NELGA and other relevant participants and practitioners involved in land management/land governance training and educational related issues. Applications to the DAAD can be submitted throughout the year, but must normally be submitted three months prior to the event date.

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