

Financial support framework for the programme "Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa – Accompanying Measures"



What are the programme objectives?

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is funded by the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) as commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to organise events in African countries as support measures for the programme "Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa".

The aim of the programme is to implement land policies through institutions and experts in selected African countries, taking into account marginalised groups such as small-scale farmers, pastoralists and women. The events seek to establish and maintain networks, offer further education programmes and implement qualification measures.

What will be funded?

Measures eligible for funding:

- Personnel resources for organising, implementing and coordinating events
- Events (network meetings, further education programmes, excursions and other similar events)
- Travel for project personnel
- Fees for external university lecturers
- Material expenses
- Travel for funding recipients

Expenses eligible for funding:

Personnel expenses

- Academic staff
- Academic and student assistants

Material costs

- All necessary and appropriate expenditure in connection with the events, further education programmes and excursions to be implemented for a duration of up to 14 days
- Travel and subsistence costs for project personnel in accordance with the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (economy class flights, second class rail travel)
- Fees for external lecturers and speakers of up to €250 for a full-day assignment according to the fee scale of the Federal Academy of Public Administration (BAkÖV)
- Travel and subsistence costs for external lecturers and speakers according to the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (economy class flights, second class rail travel)

What will be funded?

Persons funded

- Cost of travel to the event location within the country from third countries according to the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (economy class flights, second class rail travel)
- Subsistence costs for the duration of the event of €96 per day for academics (€89 per day for junior academics) according to the DAAD scholarship manual
- Required and verified visa and vaccination expenses
- Health insurance for the duration of the stay

Funding period:

Six months for an event lasting between one and 14 days.

Type of financing:

Funding will be provided as full funding.

Which department and target groups will be funded?

Departments:

Departments with a link to the areas of land governance, land management, land administration, agriculture or a comparable discipline.

Target groups:

- African funding recipients and alumni of the NELGA scholarship programme (Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa)
- Universities, research centres and other educational facilities in the NELGA network
- Associated experts
- Other applicants from a field relating to development cooperation

Submitting an application

Application:

The application is to be submitted in writing by post or electronically as a PDF.

It must include:

- A detailed description of the project:
the project description must explicitly set out the concrete, measurable objectives set by the applicant for the duration of the project. These objectives must be closely related to the programme objectives stated above. In the case of follow-up applications, details must be provided of how existing objectives are to be pursued further.
- A detailed schedule of all planned measures
- Evidence of existing/initiated contacts with partners, where applicable
- Detailed description of any planned consolidation of the measures being applied for

Submitting an application

Participant selection criteria:

Universities themselves select participants; they also award and process the invitations.

The university project description must set out the intended procedure for selecting those to receive funding based on the following criteria:

- Access/knowledge of the programme
- Appointment and composition of the selection committee
- Selection criteria (qualifications take priority)
- Selection procedure and decision
- Invitation and declaration of acceptance

The following are key selection criteria:

- Academic achievements (i.e. grades awarded by the university)
- Personal aptitude (social, political, cultural commitment, motivation to study, successful studies anticipated)

Only if several applicants display equal academic achievements and personal aptitude may social criteria (applicants' limited means, personal hardship) be considered as determining factors for the award of funding.

The outcome of the selection process must be documented and recorded. The report on the evidence of use must include a separate description of the specific selection procedure.

Selection of applications:

A DAAD commission will assess the funding applications.

The criteria for the selection of funding applications are as follows:

- A complete application
- Inclusion of specific, measurable objectives which are directly related to the programme objectives
- Convincing description of plans for networking and network expansion
- Incorporation in existing or pending internationalisation strategy
- Description of sustainability and consolidation of measures

Application deadline

Applications may be submitted throughout the year but normally no later than three months prior to the event date.

Contact and further information

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Funded by:

Funding guidelines (as of November 2017)

1. Personnel:

Academic staff and/or student and academic assistants for no longer than the approval period

- For event planning, preparation, implementation, follow-up and performance monitoring
- For the preparation and distribution of alumni information materials
- For the maintenance of alumni databases

2. Material costs:

- Material costs for the planning, preparation, implementation, follow-up and performance monitoring of the events (incl. advertising materials, subject-related and cultural supporting programme, preparation and distribution of information materials; preparatory or coordination trips are not included, however)
- Travel and subsistence costs for project personnel from foreign institutions and for external speakers and lecturers according to the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (economy class flights, second class rail travel)
- Fees of up to €250 per day for external speakers and lecturers not employed by the applicant institution and its German or foreign partner universities and non-participating funding recipients/alumni according to the fee scale of the Federal Academy of Public Administration (BAköV)

3. Persons funded

- Travel expenses of foreign participants within the country to the event location and from third countries to the event location and back according to the German Federal Travel Expenses Act (economy class flights, second class rail travel); travel is to be organised according to the cheapest options available
- Subsistence costs for participants travelling from another country and for speakers and lecturers of up to €96 per day for academics (€89 per day for junior academics) according to the DAAD scholarship manual, generally for an event duration of up to 14 days (plus half the rate for the arrival and departure days, if these are not also event days)

Required visa and vaccination expenses can be reimbursed as verified.

Health insurance can be provided for funded persons for the duration of their stay.