Background
In most African countries, there is strong competition for the use of land for a variety of reasons. The federal states are faced with the challenge of designing and implementing land policies that can sustainably secure guaranteed land access and usage rights, in particular for women, smallholders and marginalized groups. Demand for well-educated university teachers, scientists, professionals and executives is growing rapidly.

NELGA Scholarship Programme
To meet this demand, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and NELGA provide a comprehensive scholarship programme in the field of Land Governance and Land Management.

Special attention is paid to the promotion of equal opportunities for African women in Land Governance related careers. To date, the number of women in Land Governance related study programmes, in research and at high levels of responsibility in science both in academia and in decision-making structures remains low.

Together with its partners NELGA is dedicated to empowering young female scientists to realise their full economic potential and to become advocates, change makers and leaders in their communities. This is achieved both through the support of the scholarship programme and by focusing research proposals, trainings and mainstreaming activities on gender-relevant topics.

Moreover, it is of great importance to NELGA to create an enabling environment for women to combine their studies and research activities with their personal aspirations and family planning.

The scholarship programme is...
- promoting particularly gifted female students in the field of Land Governance.
- increasing the proportion of female students and graduates in the field of Land Governance.
- supporting women in leadership positions in science, research, teaching, in the public and in the private sector.
- creating role models and incentives for future generations of women to pursue studies and a career in a Land Governance related field.

By providing professional networks and awarding scholarships to excellent female post-graduate and doctoral students a significant contribution is made to the promotion and funding of future female experts and decision-makers in the land policy sector. The underlying aim is to shape outputs and decisions by involving female experts in the research and decision-making processes. Additionally, this is supported by an over-arching emphasis on gender-related research and mainstreaming activities.

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I would advise other female students that they should never consider themselves less competitive. The market needs more experts in this field of study. I advise female students to grab the opportunity.”
Ms Rebecca Milamo, Ardhi University Tanzania

Gender in the NELGA scholarship programme

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