



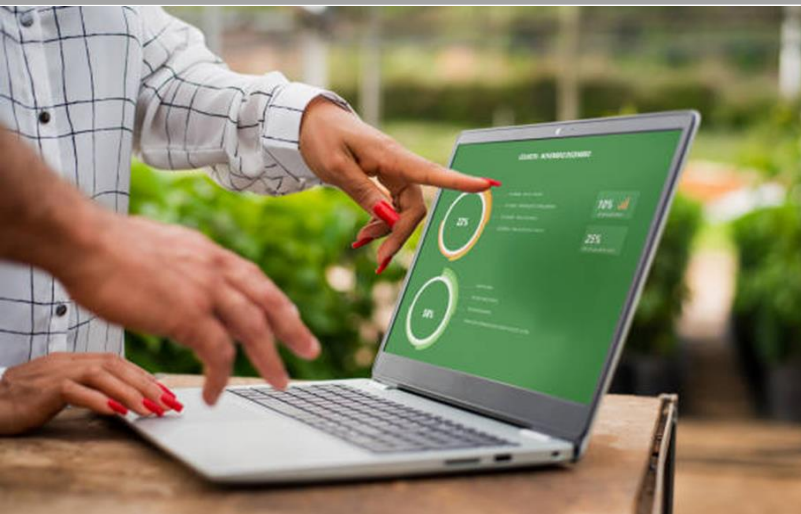
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DAAD Agriculture-Alumni Travelling Workshop, Kenya, Nairobi, 27.03 – 02.04.2023



**Tradition meets digitalisation – a new dream team for
sustainable land use?**



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DAAD Agriculture-Alumni Network - Workshop 'Tradition meets digitalisation – a new dream team for sustainable land use?'

27th March – 2nd April 2023

Agriculture remains one of East Africa's most important sectors, with nearly 80 percent of the population living in rural areas and depending on agriculture for their livelihoods and food security. However, increasing agricultural production and productivity in the East African Community is at an important crossroads if production is to be sustainable regarding land use and feeding a growing population. As a result, production in this region is faced by complex dynamics: can indigenous approaches meet the needs of a growing demand for agricultural products without embracing new technological advances? What combinations of approaches are complimentary? Realizing full agricultural potential will therefore require significant paradigm shifts for agriculture, nutrition and food systems. Promising innovations to address the current and future challenges in the sector are emerging across the agricultural landscape, showcasing the combination of indigenous knowledge, great science, technology and collective action towards a more sustainable future for crop and livestock production as well as nature conservation on the continent.

For these reasons, the *DAAD Agriculture-Alumni Training Network* is organizing a one-week workshop in Kenya. The theme for the 2023 workshop is **'Tradition meets digitalisation – a new dream team for sustainable land use?'**. This initiative will bring together German university alumni from East Africa for a 7-day travelling workshop in Kenya from the 27th March to 2nd April, 2023. The traveling workshop will entail various stop overs along predetermined routes to allow participants engage with concrete examples of the integration of tradition and digitalisation in agriculture in Kenya and East Africa by extension. This will not only provide the alumni with the rare opportunity to learn more of the new paradigm shifts in agriculture but also strengthen their networks with both existing and new colleagues engaging in the agricultural sector. This initiative is jointly organised by University of Hohenheim, German Institute for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture (DITSL) / University of Kassel in Witzenhausen, and the University of Nairobi. The Alumni program is supported by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).



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Program highlights

- ❖ Welcome workshop in Nairobi with partners and thematic key note contributions.
- ❖ Travelling workshop with on-site visits and specialised seminars in Nairobi, Naivasha, Nakuru, Narok and Kisumu.
- ❖ Contributions of scientists and farmers addressing the complementarities and conflicts of traditional and indigenous approaches within the context of expanding digitalisation for sustainable land use and nature conservation in the region.
- ❖ Structured Alumni exchanges and networking to explore current and emerging debates of relevance to sustainable land use, agricultural development and transitions in Africa.
- ❖ Introduction of exchange opportunities and tools for German-African Alumni-Networks.

Costs and Funding

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is kindly supporting the Agri-Alumni-Net travelling workshop. 100% of the accommodation and transportation expenses will be financed. Accommodation expenses include food, hotel accommodation in Nairobi and the travelling workshop venues, while transportation expenses include flight costs to and from Kenya and internal transport within Kenya.

Who is eligible to apply

International Alumni of a German learning institution **who are currently based in East Africa** can apply for participation in this workshop. They must have spent **at least 3 months at the German learning institution**. Information about the stay in Germany has to be indicated in the CV. Applicants who have **not** participated in previous Agri Alumni in person workshop events are encouraged to apply.

How to apply

Please submit the following documents:

1. Application form [here](#)
2. Short motivation letter indicating your personal interest and professional relation to the topic of the travelling workshop. also (max. 1page)
3. Short Curriculum Vitae indicating the name and date of and duration of stay at the German learning institution (max. 2 pages)

Please fill the online application and submit all documents merged into one PDF file to maria.oguche@uni-hohenheim.de by close of business on the **12 December 2022**.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.



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