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Paradigm shifts in Agricultural Systems towards Sustainable Land-use in Africa

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DAAD Agriculture-Alumni Network - Workshop 'Paradigm shifts in Agricultural Systems towards Sustainable Land-use in Africa'

28th March – 2nd April 2022

Agriculture is one of East Africa's most important sectors, with about 80 percent of the population living in rural areas and depending on agriculture for their livelihoods. However, agricultural production and productivity in the East African Community is constrained by natural factors, policies and adoption of technologies. These constraints have inhibited the rural economy's potential to alleviate poverty through employment creation and income generation; to meet growing food needs driven by rapid population growth and urbanisation; as well as to stimulate overall socio-economic benefits. Realizing full agricultural potential will 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 great science, technology and collective action towards a more sustainable future for crop and livestock production on the continent.

For these reasons, the *DAAD Agriculture-Alumni Training Network* is organizing a one-week workshop in Kenya. The theme for this year's workshop is '**Paradigm shifts in Agricultural Systems towards Sustainable Land-use in Africa**'. This initiative will bring together German university alumni from East Africa for a 6-day travelling workshop in Kenya from the 28th March to 2nd April, 2022. The traveling workshop will entail various stop overs along predetermined routes to allow participants engage with concrete examples of paradigm shifts 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

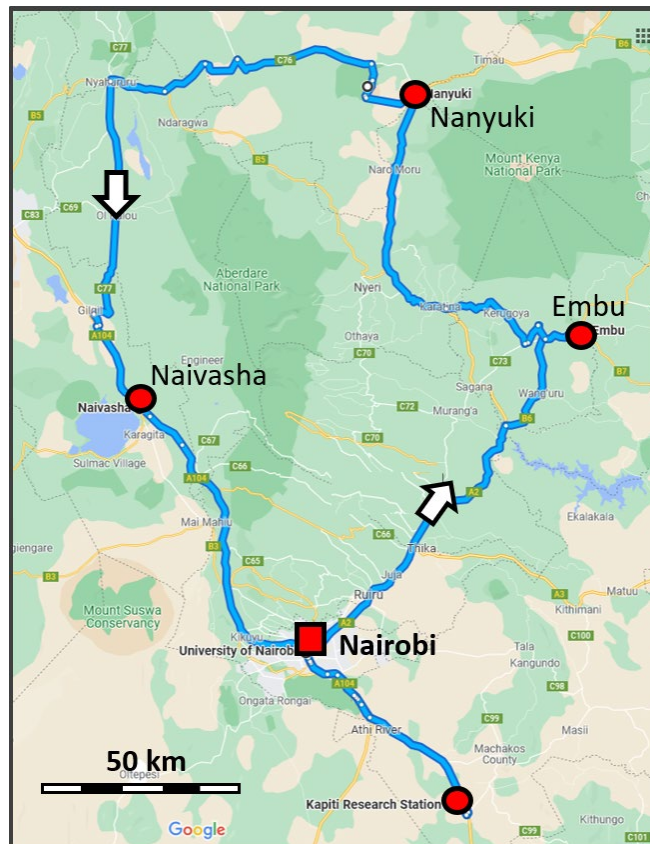
- ❖ Travelling workshop with on-site visits and specialised seminars in Nairobi, Embu, Nanyuki, and Naivasha
- ❖ State of the art work-shop contributions of international scientists addressing paradigm shifts in agricultural systems for sustainable and innovative land use
- ❖ International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) – Kapiti Research Station
- ❖ KALRO Kenya Agriculture & Livestock Research Organization - Kenya Climate smart agriculture and Agricultural policies
- ❖ ICIPE - International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology – Integrated Pest Management
- ❖ OI Pejeta Conservancy - Integrated wildlife conservation and livestock production
- ❖ Introduction of exchange opportunities and tools for German-African Alumni-Networks



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Costs and Funding

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) are kindly supporting the project seminar. 100% of the accommodation and transportation expenses will be financed. Accommodation expenses include food, travelling workshop venues, while transportation expenses include flight costs to Kenya and internal transport within Kenya.

How to apply

Please submit the following documents:

1. Application form <https://forms.gle/LcPHULNrr48Yhhm16>
2. Short motivation letter also indicating the name and date of and duration of stay at the German learning institution (ca. 1/2 page)
3. Short Curriculum Vitae (ca. 2 pages)

Please submit all documents as one PDF file to maria.oguche@uni-hohenheim.de by close of business on the **28.02.2022**

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