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**21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Ethiopia**

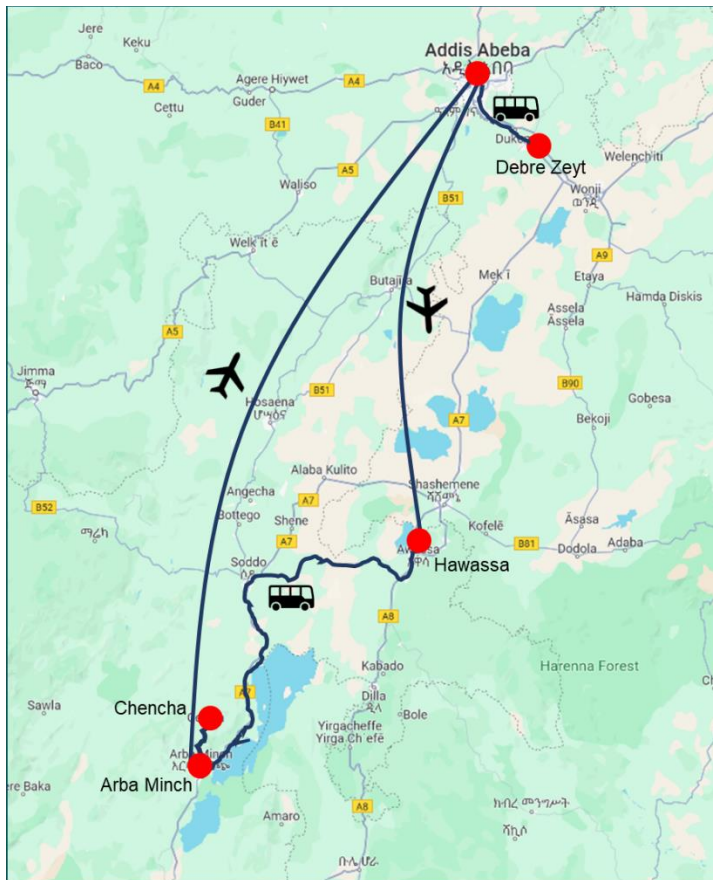
Agriculture provides food and nutrition security, employment, environmental and socio-cultural services for billions of households in Africa. It is one of East Africa's most important sectors, with about 80 percent of the population living in rural areas and depending on agriculture for their livelihoods. However, agricultural production and productivity in the East African Community is constrained by natural factors such as climate variability and change, but also policy and governance, economy and adoption of technologies are factors limiting the agricultural sector. 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 while safeguarding nature and related essential ecosystems services will require significant paradigm shifts for agriculture, nutrition and food systems. Nature-based 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 Ethiopia. The theme for this year's workshop is ***'Nature-based Solutions and Agro-ecological Concepts for Sustainable Transformation of Agri-Food Systems'***. This initiative will bring together German university alumni from across Africa for a 7-day travelling workshop in Ethiopia from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. The traveling workshop will entail various stop overs along predetermined routes to allow participants engage with concrete examples of nature-based innovations in agriculture and food systems in Ethiopia. This will not only provide the alumni with the rare opportunity to learn more of the nature-based innovations 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 and Hawassa University. The Alumni program is supported by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).



**Program highlights**

- ❖ Travelling workshop with on-site visits and specialized seminars in Addis Ababa, Debre Zeyt, Hawassa, and Arba Minch.
- ❖ State of the art work-shop contributions of international scientists addressing “Nature-based Solutions and Agro-ecological Concepts for Sustainable Transformation of Agri-Food Systems”
- ❖ CGIAR centres (CIMMYT and ICRISAT Ethiopia offices at ILRI Campus) – Addis Ababa
- ❖ Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR)
- ❖ Agricultural Transformation Institute (ATI) of Ethiopia
- ❖ Highland Agroecosystems of Chench
- ❖ Introduction of exchange opportunities and tools for German-African Alumni-Networks



**Costs and Funding**

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



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### Who is eligible to apply

International Alumni of a German learning institution who are **currently based in 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 already participated in previous Agri-Alumni Net workshops in Germany or Kenya in 2022/2023 are **not** eligible to apply again.

### How to apply

Please submit the following documents:

1. Application form [here](#)
2. Short motivation letter also indicating the name and date of and duration of stay at the German learning institution (1 page)
3. Short Curriculum Vitae (2 pages max.)

Please fill the online application and submit all documents merged into **one PDF** file to [agrialumni@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:agrialumni@uni-hohenheim.de) by close of business on the **04 February 2024**.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

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