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ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Climate change in South-East Asia: how to manage disaster mitigation and ensure food and nutrition security?

International German Alumni Seminar

Banda Aceh and Medan, Sumatra, Indonesia, 3-11 October 2015

This International German Alumni Seminar will be organized by the Agriculture Faculty, Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany and co-hosted by the Faculty of Agriculture, Syiah Kuala University (Banda Aceh) and HKBP Nommensen University (Medan), Indonesia. It is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service – DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst). The aim of the Seminar is promoting the cooperation between the German Alumni from developing countries in South and Southeast Asia and enhancing their capacity building in an interdisciplinary platform. The main topic of this Seminar will refer to the UN Millennium Developing Goals with specific emphasis on climate change issues, environmental sustainability, food and nutrient security, and sustainable management of natural resources. The **Program** includes key note talks by invited experts, oral presentations by the participating alumni, group discussions and field trips. Excursions to Banda Aceh City, the Aceh Besar and Karo districts will demonstrate the community agricultural activities, sustainable use of natural resources, community-based conservation, plant nursery, and present several important disaster mitigation activities. A social and cultural program provides additional space for networking and discussions about future research cooperation.

Topics

The main topics of the seminar based on which eligible candidates are encouraged to submit their abstracts are:

- Disaster mitigation and management
- Role of GIS techniques and remote sensing data in disaster assessment and management
- Social and environmental rehabilitation measures for displaced communities
- Traditional agricultural practices and food security
- Forest management with local people

- The role of women in community based conservation and mitigation of conflicts
- Sustainable use of natural resources and income generation for local livelihoods
- Mangrove ecosystems and their role in coastal environment management
- Coastal resources and livelihoods
- Food and nutrition security of farmers in the face of climate change and calamities
- Community-based management and ensuring natural disaster resilient environment

Preliminary Schedule:

- Arrival in Banda Aceh: 3 October 2015
- Seminar in Banda Aceh: 4- 6 October
- Departure to Medan: 7 October
- Seminar in Medan: 8-10 October
- Departure from Medan: 11 October

Eligibility criteria for participation

- German University alumni from developing countries in **South and Southeast Asia**, who have stayed in Germany for at least three months for study or research purposes.
- Working/background in the field agriculture, forestry, ecology, geosciences, natural resources management, climate change, and sustainable development.
- Institutional affiliations may include research and education, NGOs, government agencies, local community representatives and related stakeholders.
- Scientist or professional interested in multiplying the acquired knowledge in his/her home country
- Women are especially encouraged to apply
- The official working language of this Seminar will be English. Therefore, English language proficiency is essential to follow the presentations and participate in the group activity discussions.
- Attendance during the complete program (3 – 11 October 2015)

Cost Coverage

The following costs will be covered by the DAAD:

- International return ticket (economy class airfare)
- Airport transfer to and from the places of accommodation in Sumatra
- Entrance fees and transport to the field excursion sites
- Accommodation and living expenses during the entire period of stay for the Seminar program in Sumatra
- Travel health insurance (maximum 30 Euro) and visa costs.

All other costs, such as transport costs from participants' home town to their home airport and back or travel costs for visa application in the home country have to be borne by the participants.

Application

Are you interested? Then send your application in **English** including the following **documents in one single pdf** file:

- A letter of application, stating your motivation for participation and your special interest in the topic.
- A short CV with personal data and professional information, and an overview stating your previous stages in Germany (reason and duration), proof of stay in Germany for scientific research purposes, study or work for at least 3 months . Please insert a passport size portrait photograph.
- A short description of your present duties/position and your personal professional goals, indicating your envisaged field of activities and duty level.
- An overview on seminars, workshops or conferences visited in Germany after completing your studies in Germany, including those funded by the DAAD.
- **Abstracts must be relevant to the Seminar target and objectives**, covering any of the listed topics and should also be related to your field of work or research.
It should not exceed 350 words with font type 'Arial', font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing.

In your application you are expected to state that if selected, you commit to participate in the entire program of the Seminar (all days of plenary session, excursion and social program). You are also expected to give your approval that you might appear in pictures which are published in the DAAD webpage.

The deadline for the submission of complete application as instructed above is **the 10th of May, 2015**. Please, note: we will not consider incomplete or delayed submissions.

Please send your complete application electronically as a single PDF file to the following E-mail addresses:

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For any further questions, please contact the Organizing Committee.

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