

## ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Tropical diversity, ecology and land use  
Harmonizing human needs and nature

**International DAAD Alumni Workshop**  
17-21 February 2016, Berlin, Germany



**European Conference of Tropical Ecology**  
23-26 February 2016, Göttingen, Germany

The workshop in Berlin is scheduled in the run-up to the [European Conference of Tropical Ecology](#). After completion of the workshop in Berlin the participants will travel to Göttingen, where they are going to participate in the above mentioned international conference.

### Workshop objectives

It is the purpose of this workshop to link state-of-the-art discussions and approaches of research in tropical ecology with topic-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and critical aspects concerning the 2030 agenda.

Thus, the workshop is designed to deliver topic and application oriented contributions to the conference and towards an operationalization of the SDG approaches.

With its collaborative approach, it will promote north-south, south-south and regional scientific and transdisciplinary networking and knowledge exchange structures. Furthermore, the results of the workshop will contribute to the scientific discussion via suggestions concerning new research topics and approaches, proposals for collaboration and contacts to potentially new research partners.

Workshop participants will have the opportunity to become part of a commonly created working group as well as of the huge SLE TRAINING network (about 700 persons by the end of 2015).



## Workshop Approach

The workshop follows an approach of interactive and on-a-par knowledge gaining. Special emphasis will thus be given to the exchange between experts in practical development cooperation from different levels on the one hand and scientists on the other hand side, in order to create a process of professionally built-up transdisciplinarity.

The sessions will cover several inputs of different experts as well as interactive elements in order to create opportunities for exchange with external guests from science, politics and civil society. But also participants themselves will be invited to contribute presentations/ posters concerning their own professional/scientific activities to the workshop as well as to the conference.

Additionally, participants will commonly elaborate, process and present workshop results at the "European Conference of Tropical Ecology". Interested international experts, who cannot participate physically in the workshop, will have the opportunity to share their electronic contributions with the participants and/or receive material evolving from the workshop.

## European Conference of Tropical Ecology

The [Society of Tropical Ecology](#) promotes and communicates new and emerging knowledge among tropical ecologists to advance the understanding of tropical ecosystems and their protection. It is currently Europe's largest scientific association in this field of research with about 500 members. The annual international conferences invite international plenary speakers/poster presentations and thus offer a platform for about 300 senior and junior scientists.

The 2016 conference will be hosted by the [Centre of Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Use](#) of the Georg-August University Göttingen and the [German Primate Center](#), who will be offering another preparatory International DAAD Alumni Seminar, running parallelly to the above mentioned workshop at [SLE TRAINING](#), Humboldt University Berlin.

## Target group of the workshop

The SLE TRAINING workshop targets international experts active in their own countries in development cooperation, in public administrative bodies and institutions, in the academic field, in NGOs or in the private business sector with relevance to tropical ecology, biodiversity, conservation biology and/or cognate disciplines.

Participants should hold an university degree (M.A. or M.Sc., B.A. or B.Sc.) and have relevant professional/practical experience. A good command of English is a prerequisite.



### Travel, workshop and conference data

17 February 2016	Arrival in Berlin
18-21 February 2016	International DAAD Alumni Workshop in Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
22 February 2016	Transfer from Berlin to Göttingen
23-26 February 2016	European Conference of Tropical Ecology, Georg-August-University of Göttingen
27 February 2016	Transfer from Göttingen to Berlin and departure to home countries in the afternoon/evening

Please see our respective [website](#) for a detailed programme.

### Co-Funding

DAAD is offering financial support for participants of this workshop. You are eligible for a co-funding award if you are

- from a country listed on the DAC-list of “developing” countries.
- alumnus/alumna of a German university. That means you have studied/and or carried out research for at least three months at a German university.
- currently living and working in your home country.

The co-funding award covers part of your **travel costs** (international return ticket from your home country to and from Berlin, economy class) and a **daily allowance** as well as **transport to/from Göttingen**. Conference fees and accommodation in Göttingen will be covered by DAAD as well.

**Transport costs within the respective home country (e.g. to the airport), visa costs and travel insurance have to be covered by the participants themselves.**

### Self-Payment

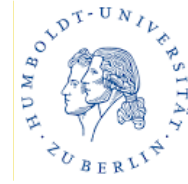
There are as well some places for self-payment reserved within the workshop for persons who do not fulfill the criteria stated above. This means, you can participate, even if you are not eligible for co-funding.

In that case, you or your organization will have to cover all occurring costs like e.g. the SLE workshop fee (430 €), travel, accommodation, visa, insurances, etc.

### Application procedure

The Online application will be activated until **30<sup>th</sup> of November 2015**.

If you want to apply, you are kindly requested to fill out our [online application form](#).



In addition to the **online application form**, your **application in English** should include the following documents as a **single PDF** which can be uploaded:

1) **Information on your motivation:**

- You should emphasize how you will personally and professionally benefit from the participation in the workshop and the international conference and what you are expecting to learn.
- You should highlight how your professional background as well as your present work and duties are connected to the topics of the workshop.
- Besides, you should illustrate how and in which institutional context you are planning to act as a multiplier of the gained knowledge and identify possible stakeholders for future collaboration.

2) **Short CV (max. 3 pages)**

3) **A former poster/abstract/professional text**, written by yourself, in order to help us to get an idea about your academic activities and/or professional expertise (max. 1 page)

Please mention in your application form **if you have already registered for the conference** – however, this **does not affect your eligibility as participant** of the alumni seminar.

**Please note: Completeness of personal data mentioned in the online application form will affect your eligibility as a participant.**

**After the review by the local organizing committee and DAAD, the invited participants will be notified in December.**

**For further questions**, please contact

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