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Call for Application

On behalf of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) the Centre for International Capacity Development at University of Siegen is organizing the

International DAAD Alumni Expert Seminar

“Management of Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene linked with Nutrition security for Sustainable Development (WASH-NUT)”

Pokhara, Nepal, 03rd to 14th of September 2018

The Expert Seminar is scheduled from 03rd September (day of arrival) to 14th of September 2018 (day of departure). The Expert Seminar is organised by the Universität Siegen in cooperation with the Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany - Center for International Development and Environmental Research (ZEU), College of Applied Science, Tribhuvan University, Lekhnath Water Supply and Sanitation Project, Kaski Nepal, and Deutsche Welthungerhilfe, Country Office, Nepal. The German Alumni Water Network (GAWN) will be involved to organise the seminar and will conclude with a common agenda and results for the South Asian region.

Concept

This seminar is planned in Pokhara, Kaski district of Nepal exemplary of both urban and rural settings with a group of German Alumni experts coming from South East Asian countries. Emphasis will be given to scientific exchange and knowledge transfer on actual topics in the field of water supply, sanitation and hygiene as well as nutrition security. Institutions in the region will be encouraged to exchange their experiences and contribute to the future research activities with their respective Universities and Institutions, they are representing from. Link-age to the German organisations like Welthungerhilfe, GIZ, Nepal, DAAD Focal Point Nepal and German Academic Association (NGAAS) will be established.

Pokhara is the famous tourist city of Nepal and also the capital city of Province no. 4. It is 200 kilometres (approx.) from countries capital city Kathmandu. Academic discussion will be led by the College of Applied Science, Tribhuvan University. Proposed field assessment and visit will be conducted at Lekhnath Water Users and Sanitation Project, Kaski. Field study will be concentrated on both Rural and Urban clusters covered by the Lekhnath Water Supply and Sanitation Project. It is one of the big water supply projects now run by the users committee in Nepal. It is one of the model project of water safety planning with a component of climate

change adaptation linked with a nutrition security concept in the region. Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V. Nepal Office will work as a support organization during the seminar.

Lekhnath is one of the eight pilot project areas proposed in first phase of Small Town Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project (STWSSSP), funded by Asian Development Bank, and implemented by Department of Water Supply and Sewerage (DWSS)/ Ministry of Water Supply. The project area consists of consists of four water supply systems serving hilly and flat areas of Pokhara Lekhnath Metropolitan City. Hilly areas situated below water reservoir tanks are also served by this project.

The country programme of Welthungerhilfe (WHH) in Nepal follows the concept of “integrated rural development” with a focus on four main priorities in the most vulnerable areas and the most vulnerable groups (based on HDI report and WHH assessment) of the country. They support Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security (SFNS) interventions and further develop good practices such as Linking Agriculture and Natural resources management towards Nutrition (LANN), Nutrition Education Rehabilitation Program, and Sustainable Integrated Farming System. WHH develops a systematic approach for capacity building and organisational development; aligns actions to government processes on district and community level, and engages in improving the accountability of state actors to ensure “the right to food”.

Issues that are relevant in this context will be discussed in the seminar and underlying causes of malnutrition being identified together will the whole community. Strategies based on locally available resources aiming at better utilizing locally existing food resources from agriculture and natural resources in order to improve diet diversity, will be developed.

Activities of the project “Water Supply Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) for Sustainability and Climate Change Adaptation” and community nutrition projects will be visited. A monitoring and evaluation concept will be developed and adapted to the local conditions by participating Alumni in close cooperation with local stakeholders. Challenges and gaps of the project will be evaluated and possible alternative solutions and areas of interventions will be identified.

Objective

Special attention will be given on how the interdisciplinary collaboration linking WASH and nutrition has been implemented and which synergies have been used. The project output will be delivered to local stakeholders and implementing bodies in form of a short term implementation plan. Specific objectives of the seminars are:

- To enhance competences of Alumni working in the **water supply, sanitation and water management** sector to adapt to increasing challenges of changing **climate conditions and to challenges** caused by natural disasters.
- To enable participating Alumni from the Southern Asian region **to transfer gained knowledge and experiences to their affiliated institutions** and thus enhance capacity of the institution and allow for more regional cooperation in linking the nutrition sector with the water and sanitation sector.
- To **strengthen the German Alumni Water Network GAWN** on a regional and national level, to deepen existing contacts to Germany, and to foster cooperation with German Universities and with German Institutions in the region.
- To strengthen the competences of Alumni working in the **nutrition field, especially community nutrition** on interdisciplinary collaboration and networking with Alumni from the WASH and nutrition sector to enhance effectiveness of the sector specific approaches.

Profile of Participants

Eligible for participation are persons, who meet the following requirements:

German Alumni from South Asian countries, working in the field of water, sanitation & hygiene and nutrition or similar disciplines. Preferred are those acting as multipliers, e.g. people who

are decision makers or people who are in a position to disseminate the acquired knowledge. Out of 20 participants, 10 Alumni shall be from Nepal and 10 Alumni from the region (India, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Myanmar, China and Indonesia).

Cost Coverage:

The project covers costs for:

- Return flights (economy) or bus travel to Kathmandu / Nepal (up to 500 Euro from South Asia countries, and up to 150 for participants from Nepal) against receipt of actual cost. Please provide tickets and boarding pass upon arrival
- Accommodation and part of living expenses for the period of the seminar
- Bus travel is included in the seminar excursion (from Kathmandu to Pokhara and back to Kathmandu)
- Visa costs against receipt
- Working material during the seminar

Note: A Health insurance cannot be covered by the project and has to be organised individually. All other costs, such as transport costs from participants' home to the airport or travel cost for visa application in the home country have to be borne by the participants.

Application

If you are interested, please send your application **by 25th May 2018** via e-mail to: ruger.winnegge@uni-siegen.de

The application (in English language) must include the following documents:

- Filled form of application including your motivation for participation. The form is available on the [GAWN Alumniportal webpage](#)
- A one page abstract on one of the topics of the expert seminar. Use Arial font, font size 11, 1.15 line spacing. The abstracts will be basis for selection for presentation during the seminar

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

The seminar will be held in English, hence English proficiency is essential to follow the presentations and participate in the discussions. It is necessary to participate in the whole program (seminar, excursion and social program).

All applicants will be informed about the results of the selection process in June 2018. Please apply for the visa upon the requirements of the Nepalese embassy in your home country.

With your application you agree that your data (name, organization, email) is given to selected company representatives and that you might appear on pictures which will be published on the DAAD website after the event. With your application you commit yourself to participate in the whole program (expert seminar, excursion and social program)

For any further questions please contact:

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