

Call for Workshop Scholarships

The RLC Campus at ZEF, University of Bonn, Germany, offers scholarships for PhD students from Africa and Asia to participate in the international workshop on “Greening the Future: Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry in African and Asian Drylands”, September 14-19, 2019, in Bonn.

Background

The Right Livelihood College (RLC) is a global education and research initiative of universities and the Right Livelihood Award, also known as the ‘Alternative Nobel Prize’ (www.rightlivelihood.org).

The RLC Campus in Bonn is hosted by the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, and supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). It provides transdisciplinary education and research in fields of environmental sustainability, poverty alleviation and social justice (www.rlc-bonn.de).

The workshop

The workshop will take place from September 14-19, 2019, at ZEF. It focuses on research and practice concerned with sustainable agriculture and forestry in drylands in Africa and Asia. The topic will be tackled in a transdisciplinary way, combining case studies from agricultural, environmental, social and economic sciences with best practice examples from civil society action and agency.

One key note workshop resource persons will be ‘Alternative Nobel Prize’ Laureate, Tony Rinaudo, Australian agronomist and natural resources expert, known as the ‘forest maker’, and Mercy Wanja Karunditu, Senior Programme Officer at the Green Belt Movement in Kenya. Rinaudo received the Award in 2018 for “demonstrating how drylands can be greened, improving the livelihoods of millions of people”. The Green Belt Movement was established by Wangari Maathai, who received the Award in 1984 “for converting the Kenyan ecological debate into mass action for reforestation”. PhD students will be invited to discuss their research work in a cohesive transdisciplinary way by building on each participant’s experience.

The workshop will target the following objectives:

- to strengthen knowledge and understanding of concepts of sustainable agriculture and forestry in drylands in a development context,
- to critically assess the situation from ecological and socio-economic development perspectives,
- to present own case studies concerned, and
- to promote transmission of expertise and experience between PhD students, development scholars, and ‘Alternative Nobel Prize’ Laureates.

The scholarships will cover all costs for international and national travel, hotel accommodation, catering, and working materials. The workshop will be embedded in a variety of social and cultural side-events.

Who can apply?

PhD students from Africa and Asia who conduct topic-related research from disciplines such as agricultural sciences, natural resource management, ecology, geography, environmental sciences, or forestry. Preferably in the middle/ end of their studies. Fluent English is mandatory. Women applications are particularly welcome.

How to apply?

Your application should consist of:

- Completed online application form. See under:

<https://rlcbonn.limequery.com/744159?lang=en>

- 300 word abstract (in English) of your PhD project and a CV

The deadline is June 30, 2019. Invited participants will be informed until July 5.

For questions regarding the workshop, please contact Dr. Till Stellmacher: t.stellmacher@uni-bonn.de
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