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Workshop

Contextualizing smallholders' livelihoods for food security and sustainable agriculture: bio-diverse agro-ecosystems, market changes and land tenure

Call for Applications

The RLC Campus at ZEF, University of Bonn, Germany, offers scholarships for PhD students from Africa, Asia and Latin America to participate in the transdisciplinary workshop “**Contextualizing smallholders' livelihoods for food security and sustainable agriculture: bio-diverse agro-ecosystems, market changes and land tenure**”, September 24-29, 2022.

Background

The Right Livelihood College (RLC) is a global education and research initiative of universities and the Right Livelihood Foundation, widely known as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize'. 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).

Covid-19 security

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions only fully Covid-19 vaccinated (according to EMA) or recovered people can participate in the workshop. Participants have to check and to comply to all Covid-19 regulations before travelling to Bonn and during the workshop.

The workshop

The workshop will take place in Bonn from September 24 (arrival date) to 29 (departure date), 2022. PhD students, distinguished scientists and practitioners and will be participating together with Laureates of the “Alternative Nobel Prize”. Workshop language will be English.

Sustainable agriculture has become a ubiquitous notion in development sciences and practice across the world. Beyond contributing more food production for growing populations and the conservation of ecosystems, sustainable agriculture has a high potential as an agent for rural transformation and pro-poor growth in the Global South. However, the prevalent paradigm of rural economic development, often coupled with agricultural industrialization, leads to massive repercussions on the sustainability of agricultural systems and on smallholder farmers' livelihoods. Hence questions have to be addressed on the current and future role of smallholders and their livelihoods in the context of sustainable agriculture and rural transformation in the Global South and its potential to increase food security, for pro-poor growth and the conservation of ecosystems.

Upon this backdrop, the workshop will thematically focus on local level empirical PhD research related to smallholder farming, food production and sustainable agriculture in rural areas in Africa, Asia and Latin America. PhD students will have the opportunity to present and discuss their own research work in a cohesive transdisciplinary way by building on each participant's expertise and experiences.

The workshop targets the following objectives:

- to strengthen knowledge and understanding of concepts and methodological approaches related to smallholders' livelihoods, food security and sustainable agriculture,
- to critically assess different pathways of improving livelihoods of smallholders, improving food security and making agriculture more sustainable,
- to present own case studies from Africa, Asia and Latin America, and to showcase projects considered successful,
- to promote transmission of expertise and experience as well as networking between PhD students, "Alternative Nobel Prize" Laureates and other experts working on the topic around the world.

How to apply?

Your application should consist of:

1. Completed online application form: <https://rlcbonn.limequery.com/554281?lang=en>
 - a. English abstract of your PhD project (not more than 300 words)
 - b. CV
 - c. Certificate of full Covid-19 vaccination (authorized by EMA) or recovery

The **deadline is July 26, 2022**. Selected participants will be informed by August 11, 2022.

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