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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

On behalf of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg in Cottbus is organizing the

**International DAAD Alumni Seminar**  
**“Fostering Rapid Growth of Decentralised Renewable Energy to Boost  
Energy Access in Developing Countries”**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019**  
**in Cottbus, Germany**

followed by a

**visit to the world's unique trade fair that exhibits industrial technology,**  
**the Hannover Messe 2019**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup> - April 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 in Hanover, Germany**

The seminar and trade fair visit is offered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in the framework of the programme Alumni Special Projects ([www.daad.de/alumni-special-projects](http://www.daad.de/alumni-special-projects)). The international DAAD Alumni Seminar is organized and hosted by the Department of Civil Law and Public Law with References to the Law of Europe and the Environment of the Faculty of Business, Law and Social Sciences at BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg (Prof. Dr. Eike Albrecht, <https://www.b-tu.de/fq-umweltrecht/>). The costs will be mainly covered by funds from the DAAD provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The seminar targets Germany Alumni from developing countries (DAC country nationals) who studied, carried out research or worked in Germany for at least 3 months and are presently living and working in their home countries. The Alumni should have a background in academic fields relevant to renewable energy and work experience in government agencies involve in renewable

energy law, policies and climate change; energy industry and businesses related to power generation, transmission, distribution and storage; manufacturing and trade in energy products; energy consultancy; energy project development; research and development as well as education. The prospective participants should be potential multipliers in a position to spread the acquired knowledge and experience and/or take decisions on implementation.

## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

Energy is the engine of economic development and its role in the development of developing countries where biomass is the main energy source for millions of people is crucial. Inadequate access to energy is one of the greatest challenges facing developing countries. With these countries' share of global gross domestic product (GDP) estimated to increase; adequate, affordable and reliable energy will be required to power the economies. Renewable energy can help developing countries to achieve higher GDPs and new levels of prosperity. With drawbacks of conventional energy and given the enormous renewable energy potential in developing countries, there is a need for promoting its large-scale deployment to power development. It is against this backdrop that the BTU is organizing the Alumni seminar.

The main objective of the seminar is to promote discursive exchange between its participants on strategies for accelerating the diffusion of renewable energy technologies for the improvement of energy access in rural areas of developing countries in a cost-efficient and effective way. The seminar will provide Alumni with an insight into state-of-the-art technologies, their application to propel socio-economic development, potential contribution to energy sustainability, specific energy projects, innovative policies that promote solar energy and address barriers that have played a critical role in impeding rapid deployment and investment in this sector. It will enhance scientific knowledge and motivate Alumni to promote rapid deployment of PV technology in their respective countries. The seminar will foster exchange of experiences, establishment of international networks between the participants, scientific discourse on renewable energy technology development and diffusion, and international academic cooperation in this field. It will enhance ideas for joint research, strategic development and knowledge transfer.

## HANNOVER MESSE 2019

After the programme in Cottbus, Alumni will travel to Hanover to visit the Hannover Messe 2019 which is the world's leading trade fair that exhibits industrial technology innovations and groundbreaking solutions on renewable energy and energy efficiency. The trade fair visit will provide Alumni with a practical insight into renewable energy latest technologies and an opportunity to establish business contacts with renewable energy enterprises in Germany. The seminar and trade fair will contribute in building Alumni capacity in renewable energy technologies and also motivate them to promote rapid deployment of such technologies in their respective countries. The seminar and trade fair will also facilitate networking between the participants and with scientists and interested parties from the renewable energy industry in Germany.

## MAIN TOPICS

The main topics covered by BTU and external experts during the seminar include:

- Energy law, policy and planning
- Solar energy technology and application
- Wind energy technology and application
- Renewables markets and economics
- Grid stability / innovative renewable energy systems
- Biomass

## PROGRAMME IN COTTBUS

The seminar in Cottbus will include:

- Lectures by BTU academic staff and external experts,
- Presentations from participating Alumni based on own energy projects or own country case studies,
- Group work and discussions,
- Visit to PV installation/SMART Capital Region Projects and GridLab GmbH at BTU,
- Excursions to a renowned solar power plant and renowned renewable energy manufacturing company,
- German cultural event.

**It is necessary to participate in the whole programme: seminar, trade fair visit and social programme.**

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

Eligible for participation are Alumni who meet the following requirements:

- **Germany Alumni from developing countries** (DAC country nationals) who have stayed in Germany for at least three months for study or research purposes.
- **A proven background** in academic fields relevant to renewable energy and **work experience** in government agencies involve in renewable energy law, policies and climate change; energy industry and businesses related to power generation, transmission, distribution and storage; manufacturing and trade in energy products; energy consultancy; energy project development; research and development as well as education.
- To act as **potential multipliers**, e.g. people who are in a position to spread the acquired knowledge and experience.
- **Adequate language proficiency** which is essential to actively participate in the seminar and discussions as the seminar will be held **in English**.
- Women are particularly encouraged to apply.

## COST COVERAGE

The project covers the following costs:

- International return ticket (economy) to and back from airport in Germany. Reimbursement of costs up to a maximum of:
  - Sub-Saharan Africa: 1,025,- Euro
  - Middle East & North Africa: 625,- Euro
  - Middle & South America: 1,210,- Euro
  - Asia-Pacific: 975,- Euro
  - Eastern Europe: 375,- Euro

includes transport from German airport to venue in Cottbus (by train, 2<sup>nd</sup> class) and transport from Hanover to the airport of departure

- Transport from Cottbus to Hanover (by train, 2<sup>nd</sup> class)
- Entrance fees and transport to the visited projects during the excursions
- Entrance fees at the Trade Fair in Hanover
- Accommodation and partial living expenses during the stay in Cottbus and Hanover
- Travel health insurance (max. 30€) and visa costs for the stay in Germany

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

**Please bear in mind that living expenses are only covered partly during your stay in Cottbus as well as in Hanover.**

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE

If you are interested, please send your application latest by 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 via email to: [DAAD-AlumniSeminar@b-tu.de](mailto:DAAD-AlumniSeminar@b-tu.de).

The application (in English language) must include the following documents in **one single pdf file**:

- A **letter of application**, stating your motivation for participation and your special interest in the topic, special interest concerning Hannover Messe 2019; With which business partners, organizations, institutions etc. would you like to get in contact with?
- A **short CV with a recent passport size photograph**: The application form is available at <https://www.b-tu.de/fg-umweltrecht/projekte/daad/2019>
- An **abstract** on a topic relevant to the seminar main theme which depicts the participant's involvement in the field of renewable energy especially solar energy with reference to his/her home country (the main topics are listed above; abstracts must not exceed one page; please use font type "Arial", font size 11, 1.5 line spacing, standard margins),
- 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 finishing your studies in Germany.

The PDF document has to be named 'Last name\_First name\_country' (e.g. Smith\_John\_Germany).

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

*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 programme (expert seminar, trade fair visit and social programme).*

The programme of the visit to the trade fair Hannover Messe 2019 is prepared by the DAAD.

All applicants will be informed of the results of the selection process in mid-December.

## TRAVEL DATES

Please consider the following travel dates when making arrangements:

Arrival in Cottbus	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Seminar at BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg	25 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Travel to Hanover	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019
Visit to Hannover Messe 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Departure from Hanover	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2019

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