

A message from the Director DAAD Regional Office, Nairobi, Mrs. Beate Schindler-Kovats



Dear DAAD Partners, Alumni and Friends,

A warm welcome at the beginning of the year 2021, wishing you all the best and good health.

Unfortunately, the new year has begun as the old one ended: in many places we are experiencing second Corona waves, in Europe worse than the first pandemic wave. With this, the hope that we will soon be able to be mobile again, meet in person and organize events is also fading.

Accordingly, digitization is advancing, hence the DAAD will carry on providing online information and advising virtually. Likewise, selections and events will remain virtual in the first half of 2021. But you can be sure that as soon as COVID-19 allows it, the staff and I will visit the universities and meet the scholarship holders in the region in person again. We look forward to it!

For the new year 2021, the DAAD again offers attractive, new calls for proposals for individual scholarships and for institutional university cooperation. Africa as a partner region continues to be in focus, which is reflected in special programs such as "Leadership for Africa" and DAAD climapAfrica which offers fellowships for postdocs. Besides, the DAAD offers myriad new programs on digitization.

We would be happy to advise you - also virtually - on funding opportunities. Please feel free to make an appointment with us.

At DAAD, change by exchange also applies to the members of staff. After more than 10 years, Dr. Dorothea Rüländ who was the General Secretary of DAAD, retired in February. She will be succeeded in April by Dr. Kai Sicks, previously head of the International Office at the University of Bonn. Please read the interview with Dr. Rüländ in the newsletter.

I wish you an enjoyable and informative read, stay in touch with us and get through the year well.

Yours

Beate Schindler-Kovats

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Fellowship: Climate Research for Alumni and Postdocs in Africa -

DEADLINE 15 FEBRUARY 2021!



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The DAAD program climapAfrica finances postdoctoral research projects and offers a platform for collaboration in thematic working groups made up of postdocs and African alumni of German funding initiatives with specialist knowledge in the field of climate research. Interested applicants for this programme must do so by 15 February 2021.

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Digitalisation: A digital presence around the world



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The digitalisation of Germany's higher education institutions has been significantly enhanced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is supporting these developments with information and support services for international students, researchers and higher education institutions.

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COVID 19: Information on DAAD and the Corona virus



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The DAAD continues to follow the developments on the coronavirus and adapts its activities flexibly to changing situations.

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The 2030 agenda and the SDGs



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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development makes all the countries of the world responsible, the developing and emerging states just as much as the industrialised nations. It defines a comprehensive framework for orienting national and international policy towards the tenets of sustainability.

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DAAD strategy 2025



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The “Strategy 2025” defines three overarching goals which shall shape the activities of the DAAD in the coming years:

- i) Promote excellence and broaden perspectives of education and science through international exchange
- ii) Enhance international collaboration for the benefit of science, industry and society
- iii) Assume global responsibility and contribute to development and peace

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Thank you and goodbye, Dr. Dorothea Rüland



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With this newsletter we say thank you and goodbye to Dr. Dorothea Rüland who worked as Secretary General for the DAAD for over ten years and contributed immensely to making it what it is today. In this interview we get a glimpse of her time at the DAAD, the future of academic exchange as well as her personal encounters (only in German).

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Call for applications

Networking tour in artificial intelligence (virtual)



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The Postdoctoral Networking Tour in Artificial Intelligence 04/2021 will take place from Monday, 26 to Friday, 30 April! Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the 04/2020 edition of the networking tour will take place virtually. Applications can be submitted until 8 March 2021!

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Special Edition: Development related post graduate courses (EPOS): Master's Scholarships in the framework of the Special Initiative on Training and Job Creation



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The EPOS programme offers individual scholarships to participants from developing countries to study development-related postgraduate courses at selected universities in Germany. The programme is designed to further qualify future leaders in selected fields and to prepare them in practice-oriented courses for their professional lives. This particular programme focuses on the following countries: Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, Tunisia. EPOS programme, a regular DAAD programme, is also open to the East African countries. Click to find out more about the courses offered in specific institutions plus the deadlines.

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Alumni measures: Call for application for DAAD Alumni activities 2021



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DAAD Nairobi invites former scholarship holders in the East Africa region who are planning small alumni activities such as workshops, conferences or seminars scheduled for March – June 2021 to submit their applications for funding. The deadline for applications is 20 February 2021.

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Fellowship Programme for Alumni: Climate Research for Alumni and Postdocs in Africa



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Are you a national of an African Country? Are you willing to contribute to the initiation and the coordination of alumni working groups? Are you a climate research expert willing to realize your project at a host institution in western or southern Africa? Then this is for you. The deadline for application is 15. February 2021.

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DAAD offers Online Visiting Hours



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Whilst it may not be possible to visit the DAAD offices in person due to the Corona Virus situation, we continue to offer online visiting hours every Thursday from 10 am to 11 am. To register, please log onto our website and select online visiting hours, then click on the date you would be available for the visit.

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