

## ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR APPLICATION

On behalf of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)  
Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences is organizing the

### **International Germany Alumni Training Seminar 2025**

**Stabilization of farming systems through diversification with different agricultural products such as herbs, spices, grains, fruits and vegetables.**

**Economic considerations, laboratory analyses, quality assurance through certifications and compliance with the Supply Chain Act.**

**03 - 09 February 2025 in Triesdorf, Germany**

followed by the participation in the

**the SDG Alumni Project in the framework of  
BIOFACH 2025**

**the world's leading trade fair for organic food**

**10 – 15 February 2025 in Nuremberg, Germany**

### **Training seminar aims**

Agriculture is closely linked to climate change, necessitating sustainable practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure a greener future (OECD 2013). This seminar will showcase the organic cultivation and processing of herbs and spices, exploring production systems across different countries. In addition to production, we will analyze economic aspects, quality assurance, certifications, and the implementation of the current supply chain law. Addressing these challenges is crucial for meeting the growing food and energy demands while preserving natural resources.

The primary goal of this seminar is to enhance the expertise and practical skills of alumni in critical areas such as quality assurance, certifications, sustainable land use, ecological farming, value chain management, and the cultivation of different agricultural commodities. By focusing on these key areas, we aim to empower participants to utilize natural resources effectively, drive social and economic progress, and implement their own innovative ideas in their home countries.

Alumni will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to develop concrete solutions aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They can transfer their expertise gained in Germany to their home countries or other regions, acting as multipliers to disseminate their knowledge in various fields such as education, research, technology, environmental protection, and health. Furthermore, alumni will leverage their extensive networks to foster partnerships, initiate collaborations, and undertake joint projects to advance the SDGs, thereby achieving a greater collective impact.

The program includes theoretical learning units, practical applications through field excursions, and individual presentations of participants' projects or work environments with a national context. The sessions, conducted in English, will feature lectures by HSWT professors, scientists, and external experts. These sessions will emphasize interactive discussions, allowing participants to address emerging questions directly with the presenters. Additionally, excursions will provide practical insights and direct contacts with industry professionals, reinforcing the real-world applicability of the seminar content.

The training seminar and trade fair participation are offered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in the framework of the programme **SDG Alumni Projects: Knowledge and Practice for Development for Germany Alumni from the Global South** ([www.daad.de/sdg-alumni-projects](http://www.daad.de/sdg-alumni-projects)). The International Germany Alumni Training Seminar is organized and hosted by Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences.

The costs will be mainly covered by funds from the DAAD provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The training seminar is scheduled in the run-up to the trade fair Biofach 2025 in Nuremberg (<https://www.biofach.de/en>).

## Tentative Programme

The training seminar programme in Triesdorf will include:

- Sessions and workshops on diversification and certification, implementation of the Supply Chain Act, practical implementation of NIR measurement.
- Project presentations from the participating alumni.
- Professional networking opportunities with scientists and industry sector and between alumni.
- Excursions and cultural events.

The final training seminar programme in Triesdorf will be published once all applications have been reviewed.

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

## Eligibility criteria for participation

This project (training seminar and trade fair participation) targets Alumni of German universities / research institutions

- who are citizens of countries listed on the OECD DAC list (<http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/daclist.htm>)
- who carried out research or studied in Germany for at least 3 months OR
- which are funded within the framework of
  - the DAAD In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme,
  - the Centers of African Excellence or
  - the SDG Graduate Schools
- and who are currently living and working in their home countries / in the Global South.

You should have

- (1) a **proven background in academic fields relevant to the topics** of organic agriculture, Quality Assurance, Certification, supply chain management.
- (2) **professional experience and personal interest in one of the following areas:** research, education, NGOs, government agencies, policy making, project development, local communities, and related stakeholders,
- (3) the **requirements to act as a potential change agent (multiplier)** who will present the training seminar results in your home country and thus disseminate the acquired knowledge as well as develop ideas and projects for regional implementation,
- (4) **adequate language proficiency** which is essential to actively participate in the workshops and discussions as the seminar will be held **in English**.

## **Eligibility for repeated attendances at SDG Alumni Projects:**

Participations in SDG Alumni Projects are limited to a maximum of 2 participations within 4 years. The year of participation, not the year of application, is decisive for the calculation. (This rule does not apply for attendance in completely digital SDG Alumni Projects (formerly: Alumni Special Projects)).

## Cost coverage

- International return ticket from and to airport in Germany (will be booked by host university)
- Train tickets (2nd class): Airport to Triesdorf
- Travel health insurance (max. 30 Euro)
- Accommodation and meals during the stay in Triesdorf during the training seminar
- Transport on excursions
- Transport from Triesdorf to Nuremberg
- Accommodation and partial living expenses during the trade fair stay in Nuremberg
- Entrance fees at the trade fair in Nuremberg
- Transport from the hotel in Nuremberg to the departure airport

### Please note:

You must cover by yourself any other costs, such as transport costs between your place of residence and “your” airport, and all costs for visa application in your country of residence.

Please keep in mind that living expenses are only covered partly during your stay in Triesdorf and Nuremberg.

**Extensions of stays** before the training seminar/after the SDG Alumni Project BIOFACH 2025 are only possible up to 5 working days and upon submission of a comparison of flight ticket prices before you start your travel.

You will have to pay any difference between the flight ticket prices for the official arrival/return date (see below) and your actual date of travel before/after your extension. You must also cover by yourself any additional travel costs, subsistence costs and other additional costs of your extension.

**Extensions beyond 5 days** must be of an official nature which you need to justify, e.g. through visits to universities, organizations, institutions, companies etc. and with details about contact persons and a day-to-day programme of activities. These extensions must be approved by DAAD before you start your travel. Decisions by DAAD are made on an individual nature based upon your justification, your programme etc.

For any extension, you need to organize your accommodation by yourself, and, very important, you have to make sure to have a valid health insurance for the extension days.

## Travel dates

3	February 2025	Arrival in Triesdorf, Germany
4 – 9	February 2025	Training seminar in Triesdorf
10	February 2025	Travel from Triesdorf to Nuremberg
11 – 14	February 2025	Participation in the trade fair BIOFACH in Nuremberg, Germany
15	February 2025	Departure from Nuremberg

**It is essential** that you participate from the first day of the training seminar in Triesdorf to the last day of the trade fair BIOFACH in Nuremberg.

## Application procedure

Your application (in English language) should emphasize your motivation and professional benefit for your participation. You should illustrate how you are planning to imply the gained knowledge and what possible stakeholders for collaboration you may identify for your professional career.

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

- A filled-out **application form** (see below).
- A **short CV** with photograph and relevant documentation of alumni status
- A **motivation letter** for the related seminar. The letter should describe your current work or research project and explain how the seminar topic is relevant to your career. Abstracts must not exceed one page; please use font type "Arial", font size 11, 1.5 line spacing).
- 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 should be named '**Last name\_First name\_country**'  
(e.g. Mustermann\_Mara\_Germany).

Please send your application, **as one single pdf file, latest by 01 September 2024** via email to:  
[internationalschool@hswt.de](mailto:internationalschool@hswt.de)

**Please note: Completeness of personal data mentioned in the online application form will affect your eligibility as a participant. Applications submitted not in accordance with the guidelines will be considered invalid.**

After the review by the local organizing committee and DAAD, the invited participants will be notified at the end of September 2024.

**For further questions**, please contact

Anis Dzankovic ([internationalschool@hswt.de](mailto:internationalschool@hswt.de), +49 9826 654-286)

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SDG Alumni Projects: Knowledge and Practice for Development

**Applicants, please complete this form and send it together with your application to:**

Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences – HSWT International School

Anis Dzankovic

E-Mail: [internationalschool@hswt.de](mailto:internationalschool@hswt.de)

Web: [www.hswt.de](http://www.hswt.de)

**Application deadline: 01.09.2024**

<b>Personal information</b>	
Family name/s (as in passport):	
First name/s (as in passport):	
Date of birth:	
Form of address (Mrs./Mr./none):	
Nationality:	
Passport number:	
Academic title (Dr, Prof):	
<b>Complete mailing address</b>	
Current address (street + number):	
Postal code:	
City:	
Country of residence:	
E-mail:	

<b>Professional profile</b>	
Postgraduate level (BA, MA, PhD, Postdoc, Scientist, University Lecturer, Professor):	
Profession:	
Current employer (Institution / Organisation / Company, etc.):	
Current position:	
Current working project:	
Working sector (please use one of these terms): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Government / public administration;</li> <li>- Science / research</li> <li>- Business / private sector</li> <li>- NGO</li> </ul>	
<b>University/universities / research organisation(s) previously visited / attended in Germany</b> ⇒ Please indicate the duration of each stay – <b>this section is essential to verify your alumni status – the organizers may request proof of the information provided.</b>	
Date and duration of stay	Host university / organisation and purpose of stay
<b>Type of scholarship / funding in Germany</b> (B. Sc., B. A., M. A., M. Sc., PhD, research, study tour etc.):	
<b>Funding organisation</b> (DAAD, Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung, University XY, private, etc.):	
<b>Former financial support from DAAD, scholarship or funding program (e.g. Development-Related Postgraduate Courses – EPOS) or other DAAD funded activities:</b>	
<b>Your DAAD's Personal Ref. No. (if available):</b>	

**All previous attendances at DAAD SDG Alumni Projects (formerly: Alumni Special Projects, e.g. IFAT 2022, Hannover Messe 2019):**

**Special interest and expectations concerning the trade fair / congress (e.g. thematical focus, exhibitors, companies, institutions etc.)** – please inform yourself on <https://www.biofach.de/en>

**(short) title of abstract:**

**Signature of applicant**

I wish to apply for the International Germany Alumni Training Seminar in February 2025 (training seminar and trade fair / conference / congress participation) at Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences.

I hereby confirm that the above information is correct.

Place, Date:

Signature: