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‘Maakye’ and Hello,

My name is Berit Stoppa, and I would like to introduce myself here as the new director of the DAAD Information Center Accra.

I arrived from Cotonou in Benin at the beginning of March, 2014, where I have been working as the Lecturer of the DAAD for the last one and a half years.

I already once lived and worked in Ghana and therefore, I am not a total newcomer to the country. I am really very happy to be back and working in a fantastic country like Ghana.

The Information Center Accra is an important point of reference for students, prospective students, researchers and employees of higher education institutions, as well as higher education institutions themselves concerning information about study and research opportunities in Germany. The Information center is also highly interested in fostering the cooperation between Ghanaian and German Higher Education Institutions. As I will be working with Ghanaians that are interested in the culture, the life and of course the higher education system in Germany, I can say that I am likewise very interested in the culture, the life and also the higher education system in Ghana. Hence, I am very pleased and looking forward to meeting interesting people in Ghana, working together with Ghanaian students or prospective students and people from academia and together enhancing the cooperation between Ghana and Germany.

I also look forward to seeing the Ghanaian-German friendship become stronger as we meet on the World Cup soccer field once again.

Furthermore, I will be happy to meet you and to answer your questions in our monthly intro-



ductory session or in one of our consultation hours. Check our website as well to get information about further DAAD or higher education events that will be held in Ghana, and join us on Facebook to always be updated. Stay updated with our SMS alert by texting ‘DAADACCRA’ to short code 1945.

You can now follow us on Twitter: [@DAAD_GHANA](https://twitter.com/DAAD_GHANA), but first of all, enjoy our March Newsletter!

Best regards,

Director
DAAD Information Center Accra

Welcome to Germany



Land of Ideas

Research in Germany workshop at University of Ghana

The DAAD Information Center Accra in collaboration with the Department of Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology of the University of Ghana organized a workshop with the theme, “Legon Workshop on Research Opportuni-

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**Interested in pursuing a PhD in Germany?**

Make use of the PhD database:

www.phdgermany.de

Learn more about Research-in-Germany

www.research-in-germany.de

Among other things, find out about Germany's Research Landscape, funding opportunities for your research (mostly for doctoral and post doc research), research areas, news and events etc.

**Research in
Germany**
Land of Ideas

DAAD Scholarship

www.funding-guide.de

Search for DAAD funded programmes as well as scholarships from other German scholarship awarding Institutions.

DAAD Scholarship for Courses with Relevance to Developing Countries

Please visit www.daad.de/development and go to 'Information for Students and Alumni' - click on Postgraduate Information and then Postgraduate courses. Please note, applications are made one year prior to commencement of scholarship.

Alumniportal Deutschland

www.alumniportal-deutschland.org

As a Germany trained alumnus/alumna, you are welcome to join other Germany trained colleagues through this online community. Find jobs, follow-up on Blogs, join subject related groups etc.

ties in Germany and Emerging Technologies in Life Science Research" on the 20th of February, 2014.

This was a well-attended one day workshop with participants from research centers like the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, the Crop Research Institute, the Ghana Atomic Energy Centre as well as participants from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and the University of Cape Coast.

The workshop highlighted various research and funding opportunities for the young researcher. Various opportunities for the experienced researcher were also discussed.

For more insight into research in Germany,



Section of participants at the Research in Germany workshop visit: www.research-in-germany.de

DAAD University Campus Tour

The DAAD Information Center will in the course of the year embark on a campus tour to visit several cities and campuses, especially in the North of Ghana, in the second half of the year. Cities and campuses in the plan are as follows:

- Tamale (UDS Campus)
- Wa (UDS Campus)
- Bolgatanga (UDS Campus)
- Nyankpala (UDS Campus)
- Winneba (UEW, Campus)

The exact dates and venues for the campus tour will be communicated on the Information Center's website (www.ic.daad.de/acca) as well as in the June Edition of this Newsletter.

DAAD Introductory Sessions in Accra

The DAAD Information Center Accra organises on a monthly basis an Introduction Session on 'Study and Research Opportunities' in Germany.

Such sessions are mandatory prior to visits to the center to make general enquiries of 'Study and Research Opportunities in Germany'. The introductory session is a one and half hour session that exposes participants to the very important details and facts about studies/research in Germany.

The sessions are generally held on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise stated. It starts at 4pm prompt at the premises of the Goethe Institut. Please find below the dates for the next sessions in the year, 2014:

3rd April / 8th May / 5th June / 3rd July / 7th August / 4th September / 2nd October / 6th November / 4th December.

DAAD scholarship for courses with relevance to developing countries

From among the large number of postgraduate courses offered by German institutions of higher education, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports a carefully chosen selection of programmes of particular interest to professionals/junior executives from developing countries.

These degree courses, which consist of one to two years of concentrated study, provide young, academically-trained professionals in leading positions from developing countries with the opportunity to engage in postgraduate education and training in their particular field or profession.

The basic requirements are:

- At least 2 years of professional experience (including national service)
- Bachelors degree (at least 2nd Class upper)
- Most recent degree should not be over 6 years ago.

Scholarship and admission is applied for one

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year prior to commencement of scholarship. Please note that the application has to be sent directly to the respective university and not through the DAAD regional office or the German Embassy as it was in the last years.

For further information and the complete list of the courses with application deadlines for the 2015/16 academic year, visit: www.daad.de/pgc or Email: daadghana@gmail.com

DAAD research grant (short-term and long-term)

DAAD supports research grants for the completion of a PhD research programme in a German institution or in Ghana within the 'Sandwich Model' scholarship scheme. PhD candidates can also apply for a short-term grant for a 1-6 months research stay in Germany.

Apart from having good Master's and Bachelor's degree (2nd Class upper and above), candidates must have completed their most recent academic degree within the past six years.

The Application for this grant is made online once a year prior to the year of commencement of scholarship. Access to the online application portal is through www.funding-guide.de where you enter your "Status" (in this case 'Doctoral candidate'), your "Country of origin" and your "Subject" (subject area of research). Select 'DAAD funding programmes only'. Click on refine your selection. Find and click on the link " Research Grants for Doctoral candidates and Young Academics and scientists". Choose the appropriate research grant for your application.

Application for the research grant will open on 15th July, 2014 and close on **15th October, 2014** for scholarship period starting in 2015.

In preparation, students or prospective students can look for research opportunities:

- ⇒ PhD training programmes: www.daad.de/international-programmes
- ⇒ Research supervisors: www.daad.de/research-explorer OR www.phdgermany.de

For further help, email: daadghana@gmail.com

MA in Integrated Watershed Management-DAAD Third country scholarship programme

The Integrated Watershed Management (IWM) masters programme at Kenyatta University, Kenya is offered in collaboration with the partner universities of Siegen (Germany), Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) and Arba Minch (Ethiopia) and lays emphasis on combining knowledge from various disciplines in a practical oriented setting, in order to achieve sustainable socio economic and ecological development of watersheds through a multi-disciplinary approach.

Application deadline is **30th April, 2014** with programme starting in September, 2014.

For further enquiries about the IWM programme or the application process, please email: chris.shisanya@iwmnet.eu or visit: www.iwmnet.eu

To find out more about DAAD third country scholarships, please visit the [scholarship page](#) of DAAD Information Center Accra website with the keyword: '**African Regional Networks**'.

Training on Internal Quality Assurance in West Africa

The University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE) is coordinating the Training on Internal Quality Assurance in West Africa (TrainIQAfrica) in cooperation with the Association of African Universities (AAU), the National Accreditation Board (NAB, Ghana) and the National Council for Tertiary Education (NCTE, Ghana), the National Universities Commission (NUC, Nigeria) and the University of Professional Studies Accra (UPSA, Ghana). This intensive training course is part of the DIES programme (Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies) which aims at strengthening higher education management structures in developing countries. DIES is jointly coordinated by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) and supported by funds of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

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Applications are invited from Managers of Higher education and Quality Assurance coordinators in higher education.

Application deadline is **8th May, 2014**. For more information about the training course and the application process, please email solveig.randhahn@trainiga.org

DIES-Training Course: Management of Internationalisation

Leibniz Universität Hannover, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) are jointly organizing the DIES-Training Course 'Management of Internationalization' in cooperation with Universidad Popular Autónoma de Puebla-UPAEP (Puebla, México), University of Madras-UoM (Chennai, India), Symbiosis International University-SIU (Pune, India), Vellore Institute of Technology-VIT University (Vellore, India) and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology-JKUAT (Nairobi, Kenya).

The training course is part of the DIES programme (Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies), which has been jointly coordinated by the DAAD and the HRK (German Rectors' Conference) since 2001.)

The application deadline is **2nd May, 2014**. For more information about the programme and about the application process,

please email: daadghana@gmail.com with the subject '**DIES Course**'.

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Consultation Hours for individual consultation for applicants who already have admission to a German university or have the participatory Note from the Introductory Session:

Opening hours:

Mondays 15:30–18:30h (Goethe Institut)
Tuesdays 10–12h (German Embassy)
Fridays 14:30–18:30h (Goethe Institut)

12th International Conference on Private Higher Education in Africa

The 12th International Conference on Private Higher Education in Africa under the major theme 'Retrospect and Prospect of Private Higher Education Provision in Africa' is being organized by the St. Mary's University, Ethiopia.

The Conference will be held on 23 August 2014 in Addis Ababa at the United Nations Conference Center. Abstracts/full-papers that fall under the major theme are invited to be submitted to the coordinator of the conference. The deadlines for submission of abstract and full paper are 31 May and 31 July, 2014 respectively.

Send enquiries and abstract/full-papers to:

maru_shete@smuc.edu.et

Master of Law and Business (LLM/MLB)

Aspiring to be at the forefront of business AND legal developments? The one-year interdisciplinary Bucerius Master of Law and Business (LLM/MLB) in Hamburg, Germany is the ideal program for you. Study with an international group of professionals and faculty to tackle the international issues facing business and legal communities today.

Application deadline is 31st March, 2014

For more information contact: mlb@law-school.de or visit: <http://master.law-school.de>

Meet us at the DAAD Information Center Accra (located at the Goethe Institut, next to NAFTI, East Cantonments, Accra). Please take note our consultation hours.

