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Dear Reader,

Afi Nhyia Pa!

The end of the year is the time to contemplate, to take stock of things achieved during the past year and anticipate tasks and events that are awaiting us.

In the DAAD Information Center Accra, hard work has paid off in the last three months: Longstanding and successful co-operations were continued, promising new networks were built and new contacts established. In December, the new German Federal President paid his first visit to Africa – and began it in Ghana. The numerous activities of his delegation proved that Ghanaian-German cooperation is continuously growing stronger in several areas. The cultures of both countries were celebrated lavishly with more than 200 students at the first German Cultural Festival at the University of Education Winneba-Ajumako Campus (read more about all events on pages 4-5). Last but not least, the festive season is also the time to be with the family: A reception for Germany Alumni at the German ambassador's residence gave us all the opportunity to meet old friends, make a lot of new ones and plan activities together for the next year.

After this success- and joyful last year, the Information Center is already looking forward to upcoming events – some well-tried and others new (see announcements from page 2).



Meet the DAAD Ghana Team
From left to right, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Leumer, Ms. Candy
and Mr. Lasmothey.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In the meantime: Enjoy some good food, quality time with your loved ones, ...and this newsletter.

Best regards,

Lena Leumer

Director, DAAD Information Center Accra

Welcome to Germany



Land of Ideas

Do not hesitate to contact us in any related matter of higher education, study or research in Germany.

Keep in touch with our center via email through

info@daad-ghana.org.

Know about DAAD and other funding programmes

through www.funding-guide.de.

Our office will remain closed from Monday 25th

December, 2017 till Friday 5th January, 2017.

Our regular office hours will commence on 8th January, 2018.

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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.org

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.



DAAD Scholarship

www.funding-guide.de

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

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.

DAAD Information Center Accra Consultation Hours:

Mondays 15:30–18:30h

Thursdays 09.00–11.00h

Fridays 14:30–18:30h

Announcements:

Annual Symposium on Study and Research in Germany: 20th January, 2018

The 2018 edition of the annual symposium on Study and Research opportunities in Germany is organized by the DAAD Information Center Accra in collaboration with the Visa Section of the German Embassy and the Goethe-Institut Ghana. At this session, representatives of the three institutions mentioned above will be presented to offer information on study and research opportunities in Germany, scholarship opportunities, student visa requirements, language requirements for studying in Germany and other topics.

All prospective students, SSSCE and WASSCE holders, graduates, parents and professionals seeking study, research or career opportunities in Germany are welcome. Attendance is free of charge.

Date: Saturday, 20th January, 2018

Time: 10am to 12 noon

Venue: Goethe-Institut, located next to NAFTI, East Cantonments.

DAAD at the Ghana Higher Education Fair in 2018

The Ghana Higher Education Fair is organized by I-Texon Ghana in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. The exhibition provides the opportunity to interact with representatives of various international and Ghanaian higher education institutions. This gives prospective students insight into programmes, application procedures, qualifications, career paths etc. The DAAD Information Center Accra will be present at four of the five regional fairs to inform students on:

- Study programmes in Germany
- English taught courses in Germany
- Language proficiency requirements
- DAAD scholarship programmes

Kumasi:

Date: 31st Jan.—2nd Feb. 2018

Time: 9am - 5pm daily

Venue: Kumasi Anglican SHS

Cape Coast:

Date: 14th – 16th Feb. 2017

Time: 9am - 5pm daily

Venue: Aggrey Memorial SHS

Koforidua:

Date: 21st Feb. – 23rd Feb. 2017

Time: 9am - 5pm daily

Venue: Oyoko Methodist SHS

Accra:

Date: 27th Feb. – 1st Mar. 2017

Time: 9am - 5pm daily

Venue: Oyoko Methodist SHS

Freshmen session; Entry in summer semester, 2018

Students who have gained admission to the various study programmes in Germany starting in summer 2018 (i.e. entry in March or April, 2018) are invited to attend this useful networking session for freshmen. This will afford you the opportunity to meet with other students going to the same town or region or studying in the same subject area. The session will involve a 45 minutes interactive presentation by the DAAD Information Center Accra and a 20 minutes knowledge and experience sharing with invited DAAD alumni as well as other Germany alumni. Do not miss this session even if you have not completed your visa formalities.

Date: 22nd February, 2018

Time: 4pm

Venue: Goethe Institut, East Cantonments (located next to NAFTI), Accra

Monthly Introductory Session at the DAAD Information Center (Dates in 2018)

The DAAD Information Center Accra organizes monthly introductory sessions every first Thursday of the month. It comprises a one

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hour presentation followed by questions regarding general application procedures, DAAD scholarships, overview of visa requirements and procedures. It is mandatory to attend one of these sessions before coming for a one-on-one discussion during our regular consultation hours if you do not already have an admission or a scholarship.

All scheduled dates are on the first Thursday of each month.

The dates in 2018 are as follows: 1st February / 1st March / 5th April / 3rd May / 7th June / 5th July / 2nd August / 6th September / 4th October / 1st November / 6th December

Everyone interested in studying or doing research in Germany is welcome to attend. It always starts at 4pm prompt. For updates, email us through info@daad-ghana.org

Virtual Higher Education Tour 2018 (Webinar Series)

The webinar series consists of online presentations by German universities and educational institutions followed by Q&A-sessions. A headset is needed. You can ask questions via chat. The webinar series addresses audiences in Ghana. The webinars are conducted in English. You need to register for each day of the webinar series separately.

A full update on the universities participating in the upcoming Virtual Higher Education Tour 2018 (Webinar Series) will be available in February, 2018.

Proposed dates for the webinar series are:

13th and 14th March, 2018.

Check for updates through:

www.daad-ghana.org/webinar

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Germany For Former DAAD In-Region/In-Country Scholarship Holders from Sub-Saharan Africa

The purpose of the programme is to provide opportunities to post-doctoral researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa to conduct, under the guidance of their host institutions, co-operative research at a German university or other research institutions. The programme is designed to augment opportunities for researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa.

Applications may come from all subject areas with strong relevance to national or regional development.

The fellowships are tenable in any university or research institution in Germany. The awards are tenable for a period of two to six months and are not renewable.

Application deadline: Applications can be handed in at any time, but at least two months before the intended visit at the host institution. For more information, visit: daad.de/go/en/stipa57191484

Staff Exchange in Sub-Saharan Africa

The purpose of the programme is to promote inter-university co-operation through academic mobility and to enhance the quality of teaching and research at Sub-Saharan African universities.

Application deadline: Applications can be handed in at any time, but at least two months before the intended visit at the host institution. For more information, visit: daad.de/go/en/stipa57191489

Study Visits by Groups of Foreign Students

DAAD funding is available for study visits and trips for student groups of a maximum of 15 students accompanied by one university lecturer at a German Institution. Individual doctoral candidates may also be funded after consultation with the DAAD.

The groups can visit at least two German universities where they participate in the academic programme. A cultural or sight-seeing programme is organised in the evenings and at weekends.

The funding is available for accommodation, transportation and living costs within Germany (flat rate amount applies in most cases). International travel costs are to be borne by participants of the study visit/trip.

Students or groups of students cannot directly apply for this funding programme. The university lecturer can do so on behalf of the university for the group of students. The university submitting the application is responsible for selecting participants.

Application deadlines: 1st February, 1st May, 1st November each year.

For more information, visit: www.funding-guide.de

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International MSc and MBA Programs at Offenburg University (Germany)



"Study in English - Live in Germany"

MSc in Communication and Media Engineering
MSc in Energy Conversion and Management
MSc in Process Engineering
MSc in Power and Data Engineering
MBA in International Business Consulting

"Offenburg -- the place to realize your ambitions for the future". For more information, visit: www.hs-offenburg.de/graduate-school

AFRIKA KOMMT: Call for applications

AFRIKA KOMMT is an Initiative of German Industry for Future Leaders from Sub-Saharan Africa.

This is a one-year programme which includes an eight-month internship in one of the participating companies in Germany, giving the African young professionals the great opportunity to gain first-hand experience in management practice in a leading German company.

Currently, suitable candidates are invited to apply to the seventh programme cycle of AFRIKA KOMMT! running from 2018 – 2020. Applications can be submitted until 19.01.2018 only through the website www.afrika-kommt.de.

News:

Alumni reception at German Ambassador's residence



A section of Alumni with the His Ex. Mr. Christoph Retzlaff and his wife

On the 30th of November, 2017 the German ambas-

sador to Ghana, His Ex. Mr. Christoph Retzlaff, invited Alumni who studied or trained in Germany. The event, was to encourage dialogue and exchange amongst alumni of different generations and also with the German Embassy.

It was a successful evening which offered an opportunity for participants to share their experiences and build new networks. It is hoped that there will be more of such alumni evenings in the future to keep the Alumni family group.

As an German University Alumni or a DAAD Alumni, kindly use this link to update your address to be invited for future events.

<https://goo.gl/forms/GsRrIONUDeBP9xU62>

Workshop of Regional WASCAL network



Participants at the Workshop of Regional WASCAL network

The West African Science Service Center (WASCAL) is a research-focused network designed to help tackle the challenges of climate change. With the financial support of the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) it aims to strengthen research infrastructure and capacity in West Africa in the field of climate research. It combines the expertise of universities in ten West African countries and German partner universities and brings about synergies for research and teaching in this region. The WASCAL has been operating successfully since 2012; and the DAAD is preparing a concept to become more involved with it in the future. In expectation of a fruitful future cooperation especially in the area of Alumni networking, the director of DAAD Ghana had the opportunity to take part in their assessment workshop in Accra on 30th November to 1st December.

Annual Collaboration Workshop of the Ghanaian-German Centre for Development Studies

The Ghanaian-German Centre for Development

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Studies offers in-country DAAD scholarships for PhD research in Developing Studies. The centre is hosted at the Institute for Statistical Social and Economic Research (ISSER).

The centre's annual collaboration workshop presents an opportunity for the centre to interact with students, lecturers as well as alumni of the centre. It took place on 2nd November and focussed on ways to further improve the graduate programmes of the centre. Opening the workshop were remarks from Ms. Lena Leumer (Director DAAD Information Center, Accra), Prof. K. Tano-Debrah (Dean, School of Graduate Studies, University of Ghana) as well as Prof. Samuel Agyei-Mensah (Provost, College of Humanities, University of Ghana).

For more information about the Ghanaian-German Centre for Development Studies, visit:

<http://www.african-excellence.de/home/>



Participants at Annual Collaboration Workshop of the Ghanaian-German Centre for Development Studies

German Cultural Festival - UEW



Impressions of the German Cultural festival held at University of Education Winneba—Ajumako campus

This first event of its kind to take place on the Ajumako campus was organised by the German Club of the University of Education in Winneba (UEW). Different cultural performances by student groups were presented during the course of the day. A large audience came to enjoy German poems, songs, drama as well as Ghanaian dancing, drumming and singing. In 2017, the teaching staff of the German Unit at the UEW has increased its number to five lecturers, three local and two German guest lecturers.

All of them supported the preparations of the event and were present to celebrate with the students. Presentations by the DAAD and the Goethe Institute in Accra completed the programme of the event. The German Club put the financial support of the DAAD to good use and – contributing their own enormous efforts – made the event a huge success.

Visit of the German President—town hall meeting at UG, Legon



Signing of the MOU to set up the MERIAN International Centre for Advanced Studies
In the picture: Seated left to right Prof. Andreas Mehler, Director of the Arnold-Bergstraesser Institut, Freiburg University, Prof. Francis Doodoo, Pro VC, Research, Innovation and Development, UG. Standing: His Ex. President Frank W. Steinmeier, Prof. Ebenezer Owusu.

The new German Federal President; His Ex. Frank Walter Steinmeier paid his first visit to Africa and arrived in Accra on Monday 11th December, 2017 on a 3 day state visit.

As part of the visit, the vice-chancellor of the University of Ghana (UG), Prof. Ebenezer Owusu hosted President Steinmeier to a town hall meeting at the university of Ghana discussing 'Africa-Europe cooperation'. The meeting was attended by a section of students and faculty of the University of Ghana. Invited panellists apart from President Steinmeier were Prof. E. Gyimah-Boadi (Executive Director, CDD), Ms. Lucy Quist (Co-Founder, Executive Women's Network)

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and Mr. Franklin Cudjoe (Founding President, IMANI-Ghana). The Forum was moderated by Prof. Ransford Gyampoh from the Political Science Department, UG. As part of the meeting, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the University of Ghana and the Arnold-Bergstraesser Institut, Freiburg University to set up the MERIAN International Centre for Advanced Studies at the University of Ghana.

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