



NELGA Postdoctoral Fellowship

Overview

The Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA) is a partnership of over 70 leading African universities and research institutions with proven leadership in education, training and research on land governance. The network is established by the African Land Policy Centre (ALPC), formerly Land Policy Initiative (LPI), in cooperation with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) with financial support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The purpose of NELGA is to enhance the role of African universities and researchers in the field of land policy and land management, with due regard to marginalised groups, smallholders, pastoralists and women.

- Enhancing training opportunities and curricula on land governance in Africa;
- Promoting demand driven research on land policy;
- Connecting scholars and researchers across Africa;
- Creating data and information for monitoring and evaluation on land policy reforms;
- Strengthening policy-research linkages.

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The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports NELGA through a fellowship programme available for young scientists from African Union member states.

Young scientists with completed PhD degrees are eligible to apply for a one-year funding period in the field, at a state or state-recognized institution of higher education or a non-university research institute in any African country. To ensure the transfer of research results to society and policy, the fellowship will be accompanied by support measures for scientific publications and trainings in science communication.

Emphasis will be given to research projects addressing the following key areas:

- Institutions and Land Transactions
- Tenure Rights
- Survey and Land Information Management

Each of these four key areas has set subcategories. Proposals need to cover one of the subcategories to be considered for a research fellowship. Research proposal will be evaluated based on their academic quality and the policy relevance of the suggested topic and methodology. The research proposal shall clearly highlight, how the findings can contribute to improve land policies and land governance systems on a national, regional, or continental level. Proposals with integrated cross-cutting issues including gender, climate change, customary land rights, and digital solutions for land issues are strongly encouraged.

Institutions and land transactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Land policy development processes ▪ Institutional arrangements ▪ Land transactions ▪ Corruption in land governance
Tenure rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Land tenure rights ▪ Women land rights ▪ Conflicts/Disputes
Survey and LIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cadaster/Geomatics ▪ Land information management
Social economic aspects of land governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social-economic trends in land governance ▪ Titling, land markets, land use and climate change ▪ Large scale land based investment

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