



The IASS is an international, interdisciplinary center of excellence located in Potsdam, Germany financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal State of Brandenburg, devoted to promoting science and research for global sustainability, particularly in the areas of climate change, the earth systems and social pathways to sustainability. As part of the Institute's ongoing activities, the IASS established a global forum for the sustainable management of the world's soil resources the Global Soil Forum. For further information, see: www.iass-potsdam.de.

The German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has initiated a global program on soil rehabilitation and soil protection for food security. Soil rehabilitation measures will be linked to efforts to increase tenure security of the intended beneficiaries of the program. IASS' Global Soil Forum will be responsible for developing and implementing an accompanying research project in support of this program. The three year transdisciplinary research project "Begleitforschung Bodenrehabilitierung" will (i) conduct a systematic analysis of existing approaches for land rehabilitation; (ii) conduct in-depth case studies in five countries on the implementation of pathways for land rehabilitation measures; (iii) facilitate knowledge exchange processes on the topic; (iv) consolidate the findings in a final publication.

The IASS' Global Soil Forum currently seeks applications for

a Student Assistant (m/f, 10-20 hours per week)

Ref-Nr. IASS-GSF-21

We are looking for students in rural development or related fields who support the project by independently realizing specific research assignments.

Your tasks:

- Literature research of project-relevant content
- Assistance in project management
- Support of the team with ongoing activities (preparation of meetings, minutes, administrative tasks)
- Translations of working documents (FR-EN, EN-FR)

The requirements:

- Master-level students in Development Studies, Environmental Governance, Geography, Political Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Sociology or a related field
- Very good command of French in reading and writing
- With broad knowledge in rural development and/or sustainability topics and an interest in soil and/or land governance
- Good knowledge of development issues in West and East Africa or any of the project countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Ethiopia, India) will be an asset
- Ability to work effectively as part of an international and transdisciplinary team
- Self-initiative and ability to work in a team

What we offer:

- A position in sustainability research that links science with decision-taking in civil society, and international development policy
- A dynamic working environment in a young team
- The possibility to gain an overview over global political processes in the field of sustainable soil and land governance

This position will run until end of 2016 with possible extension. The starting date will be as soon as possible.



The deadline for applications is the **Sun, 12th June 2016**.

The interviews are envisaged for **the 22nd and 23rd June 2016** at IASS in Potsdam.

Applications should include a cover letter and a full CV and proof of matriculation. Please send your application by email to Ms. Katrin Wlucka Katrin.wlucka@iass-potsdam.de. Please refer to the reference number given above.

The IASS particularly encourages applications from female students; applicants with disabilities will be given preference in case of equal qualifications.

For further information and details on this position please contact Ms. Katrin Wlucka.

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