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### Invitation to the 10 Years Anniversary Conference of ZEF's International Doctoral Program on October 1–3, 2009, at ZEF in Bonn

It has been ten years since ZEF's International Doctoral Studies Program, now called the Bonn Interdisciplinary Graduate School for Development Research (BiGS-DR) started its activities at ZEF. More than 400 young researchers from more than 70 countries have been studying at ZEF in the course of this period, contributing to finding solutions for problems in and of the developing world. ZEF not only looks back on a decade of successful research, but has also generated new generations of academic and practical development experts. BiGS-DR proved to be a stepping-stone for many successful careers in the fields of development research, development policy, as well as development practice. We are proud of what we have achieved so far and acknowledge that also your contribution has been essential to this joint effort.

On October 1–3, 2009, BiGS-DR will celebrate its 10 years anniversary. The event will take place at the same time as the annual meeting of the [International Advisory Board of ZEF](#). We plan debates, panel discussions between invited alumni, Board members and ZEF staff, and of course a big party. The complete program will be circulated soon.

We are very pleased to invite you most cordially to this event. Please register by sending an e-mail to me ([gmanske@uni-bonn.de](mailto:gmanske@uni-bonn.de)). Accommodation has to be booked by the participants themselves.

Thanks to DAAD, we can support a limited number of alumni from developing countries with up to 1,000 Euros to participate in this special event at ZEF. You can apply for this financial support directly at ZEF when you register. The deadline of application for financial support is June 30, 2009.

Günther Manske  
Coordinator ZEF Alumni Network



The first ZEF doctoral students

## Robert Bosch Junior Professorship 2009 awarded to ZEF alumna

**A**sia Khamzina can be called a happy new Junior Professor now, after receiving the prize by the Robert Bosch Foundation at an official ceremony in Berlin on March 6, 2009. The Junior Professorship for "Sustainable Use of Natural Resources" is awarded annually by the Robert Bosch Foundation since 2007. Ms. Khamzina is therewith the second prize holder. The selection procedure is chaired by Klaus Töpfer, former Director of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP).

Asia Khamzina will receive funding for her own research of one million euros for a period of five years. Her research topic is "Competing claims on land use: Opportunities for climate change mitigation through afforestation of degraded croplands in Central Asia."



Asia Khamzina

## Another ZEF "Good Governor" for the DAAD African Good Governance Network

**E**leni Ayalew Belay from Ethiopia is the second ZEF graduate becoming a member of the African Good Governance Network (AGGN). ZEF alumnus Felix Asante was selected the first ever member of the then just founded network in January 2007.

The AGGN is a long-term stipend and education program of DAAD and a leadership program aimed at students from sub Sahara African countries studying at German universities or working in cooperation projects in Africa. In the framework of this program, which is under the patronage of German President Köhler, the students are being prepared for a leading role in the process of democratization, economic growth, and the rule of law in their home countries. Ten new members are selected for the Network annually.



The picture shows Eleni Ayalew left in front row during an AGGN workshop in Bonn.

Ms. Eleni Ayalew Belay did her PhD research at ZEF from August 2005 until December 2008. She received her PhD degree from the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science of Bonn University for her thesis on "Growing lake with growing problems: integrated hydro-geological investigation on Lake Beseka, Ethiopia". Her work was supervised by Profs. Diekkrüger and Vlek.

## Carlo-Schmid Internships

**S**ince 2007, five doctoral students of ZEF received a Carlo-Schmid scholarship from DAAD for a postdoc-internship at an international organisation: Joy Kiiru (batch 2004, Kenia) and Sayan Chakrabarty (batch 2002, Bangladesch) at the International Labor Organisation (ILO) in Geneva, Donald Makoka (batch 2005, Malawi) at the World Bank in Washington D.C., Andrea Dörr (batch 2005, Brazil) at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in Vienna, and Faisal Abbas (batch 2005, Pakistan) at the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Geneva.

## Second generation of doctoral students at ZEF

**T**wo ZEF alumni have sent their students for a doctoral study to ZEF:

**Prof. Zhaohua Li** (batch 1999) from the Hubei University, Wuhan, China, has sent Jin Zhang to conduct a doctoral research on non-point source pollution control within the Quingjiang River drainage area in Wuhan, China. His study is funded by the Hubei University.

**Prof. Yuansheng Jiang** (batch 2000) from the Sichuan Agricultural University has sent Liu Dan. She will do research on the income gap between urban and rural areas in China. Her study is financed by the China Scholarship Council.



## News from the ZEF alumni

**Ashabul Anhar**, batch 2001, has attended the world organic Fair "Biofach" in Nuernberg Germany in February 2009. He is working now with Cooperative CoCoA producing organic fairtrade cocoa "Made In Aceh", Indonesia. CoCoA is collaborating with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) and Swiss Import Promotion Programme (SIPPO).

**Abay Asfaw**, batch 1999, is working now as an associate economic fellow at the Center for Disease Control and Preventions, Washington DC.

**Alice Beining**, batch 2002, is working now with MAN Ferrostaal Industrieanlagen GmbH in Brasil, planing feedstock cultivation and it's certification (sugar cane, cassava and sweet sorghum).

**Maria Cristina Carambas**, batch 2001, is now a senior economic policy analyst at the Ministry of Environment, Canada.

**Daniel Callo-Concha**, batch 2004, has found a postdoc position at the Department of Crop Science and Resource Conservation, University of Bonn.

**Daniela Lloyd-Williams**, batch 1999, has taken an 18 month sabbatical from being Regional Policy Coordinator for Middle East, Eastern Europe & CIS at Oxfam - now being a full-time mother to her 20 month old twins. She is planning to return to the world of work once the kids are in kindergarten.

**Mohsin Hafeez**, batch 1999, now director of the International Centre of Water for Food Security (IC-Water), Charles Sturt University, Australia has hosted Usman Khalid Awan, a PhD student from ZEF, at his center. While based at IC-Water, Usman was trained in the application of remote sensing in hydrological models. His visit strengthened the collaboration between ZEF and IC-Water.

**Raquel Lopez**, batch 2002, has found a job at ICRAF Philippines in Los Banos.

**Kelebogile Mfundisi**, batch 2001, has found a position at the Harry Oppenheimer Okavango Research Centre, University of Botswana.

**Kofi Nyarko**, batch 2003, has visited ZEF with a group of students from the University of Cape Coast in September 2008.

**George Yaw Obeng**, batch 2005, from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, has received a DAAD grant for a 6-months visit at ZEF.

Deutsche Welle published an internet article about **Damaris Odeny**, batch 2002: <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,2144,2129895,00.html>. Damaris has recently finished her postdoc at the Max-Planck-Institut

(MPI) for Plant Breeding in Cologne and returned to her home country Kenya. At the MPI she worked on gene mapping for disease resistance in potatoes. Back in Africa, her goal is to use these knowledge and techniques for the improvement of *Cajanus cajan* yields in Africa.

**Rolf Sommer** is now working as an agro-system modeler at ICARDA, Aleppo, Syria.

**Arjunan Subramanian**, batch 2003, has taken up a new position as a research fellow at the University of Warwick.

**Edilegnaw Wale** from Ethiopia (batch 2000) is now working at School of Agricultural Sciences and Agribusiness of the University of Kwa Zulu-Nata, South-Africa.

### Miscellaneous

Check the ZEF alumni website regularly! Every week, new announcements about jobs and conferences worldwide are available in the *News* section.

It is important to keep your profile on the [ZEF alumni website](#) up to date. There you may fill in your professional achievements and new publications. Do not forget to inform us about any change of your mail or email addresses!

Please contact me, in case you forgot your login or password ([gmanske@uni-bonn.de](mailto:gmanske@uni-bonn.de))

## Selected news from the ZEF website May 2008 – May 2009)

Click at "more»" to read the complete articles

- „Science for Development“ - first ZEF-GTZ seminar held [more»](#)
- ZEF plays leading role in DAAD-initiated Centre of Excellence in Ghana: First students starting in Program for Development Studies [more»](#)
- ZEF is collaborating with "The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity" study [more»](#)
- New, open access, peer-reviewed, e-journal: Water Alternatives [more»](#)
- "Shared Water - Shared Opportunities" [more»](#)
- Successful teamwork: German and African researchers work out joint options for action on urgent climate and water issues in West Africa [more»](#)

- ZEF participates in 5th World Water Forum 2009 [more»](#)
- Symposium at ZEF: "Beyond the State - Local Politics in Afghanistan" [more»](#)
- Workshop on "The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity" [more»](#)
- A piece of prize: ZEF is part of a prize-winning CGIAR research consortium [more»](#)
- ZEF's Annual Report 2007/2008 [more»](#)
- New photo gallery with impressions of the workshop "Scientific Cooperation with Developing Countries: An international review of the Swiss guidelines" [more»](#)
- "Afghanistan - traveling behind the horizon" [more»](#)
- International panel of river basin experts discuss pressing issues for developing countries at ZEF [more»](#)
- Scientific Cooperation with Developing Countries: An international review of the Swiss guidelines [more»](#)
- Oded Stark among the top five Professors of Economics in the German-speaking world [more»](#)
- Round table meeting on certification of Ethiopian forest coffee at ZEF [more»](#)
- ZEF's Uzbekistan Project at United Nations Day in Bonn [more»](#)
- Innovative research for sustainable land and water use in Uzbekistan [more»](#)
- ZEF news No. 20 [more»](#)
- Wild coffee project at a „hot spot“ at the COP9 on Biodiversity in Bonn, May 19-30 2008 [more»](#)
- Forest Coffee Certification in Ethiopia [more»](#)
- Irrigation options in the changing environment of the White Volta Basin - Stakeholder involvement in the GLOWA Volta Project [more»](#)

### Lifelong Uni-Bonn email account

You may utilise your email (...@uni-bonn.de) lifelong for free. You only have to register at the Uni-Bonn Alumni Network. The registration is online at [www.uni-bonn.de](http://www.uni-bonn.de), go to Alumni Netzwerke > Angebote > Uni Bonn Email-Adresse. Unfortunately, the registration form is only in German. In the form you also have the choice to become a member of the Friends of the Universität Bonn (annual fee 30 Euro).



The Bonn University

### Appeal for a ZEF Alumni Fund

The alumni have had the idea to collect money and set up a ZEF Alumni Fund to support PhD students during their study at ZEF and field work. Many ZEF alumni think that they found a good position due to their PhD study at ZEF, and it may now be time to pay back.

We will start with collecting funds now. We need around 12,000 Euro to finance a one-year scholarship for a PhD student. We don't know yet whether it is possible to collect this amount of money. The amount collected will be announced at the end of the year. Then we will decide together how to proceed. In case we do not meet the goal of a full scholarship, a smaller amount can also be very useful to help students finance their field research. You will be informed in detail about the allocation of the donated money.

Your contributions are tax deductible if you pay taxes in Germany.

Any contribution will be highly appreciated. Please transfer your donation to the following bank account

#### Account owner:

Gesellschaft der Freunde der Entwicklungsforschung e.V.

#### Address:

Walter-Flex-Str. 3, 53113 Bonn

Bank: Sparkasse KölnBonn

Account: Konto 8.552.721

BLZ: 37050198

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Purpose: ZEF Alumni Fund

I hope you will respond generously to this appeal for support of ZEF students.

## New features in the ZEF publication data base

We have added new features to find publications in the [ZEF publication database](#) more easily. Now, each publication is allocated to certain strategic research areas. These are the ZEF research areas plus some other topics like Development Macroeconomics, Development Microeconomics, Urbanisation, Education, Research Methods and Theories of Development.

Please allocate your new publications to one of the research areas !!

You may search the publication data base also by any keyword(s) in the title and by year of publication.

## New Publications from ZEF alumni

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