

DIVERSIFYING FOOD SYSTEMS

Horticultural Innovations and Learning for Improved Nutrition And Livelihood in EastAfrica

(HORTINLEA)

Programme "GlobE - Global Food Security"

National Research Strategy BioEconomy 2030 of the Federal Republic of Germany

Call for Applications

Applications for the Doctoral Programme within the framework of the joint international research project HORTINLEA are welcome.

The general objective of project HORTINLEA is to address pressing challenges of undernutrition, poverty and sustainability and to improve the livelihood and nutritional situation in particular of the rural and urban poor in East Africa by producing knowledge helping to improve and increase horticultural production especially of indigenous vegetables.

The subproject: Meal Culture in Market trends and consumption habits" invites applications for 1 PhD-position beginning in 2014.

Core eligibility criteria:

Nationals of African countries are invited to apply for the subproject.

The specific objectives of the subproject are:

- To broaden the concept of food systems to consider meal cultures as a determinant of vegetable supply and consumption of rural and urban households;
- To analyze meal habits in order to grasp a more realistic view on people's nourishment and their social and cultural dimensions.
- To identify the gender arrangements in meal production and preparation regarding the division of labor throughout the value chains and consumption habits.
- To develop an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approach based on human and cultural ecological concepts with respect to 'critical food studies' and 'food ways' that cover the cultural, social and economic practices relating to the production, preparation and consumption of meals.

The candidates' qualities are demonstrated by

- Master's degree in Agricultural related degree. Food and Nutrition Science, Rural Sociology and/or Social Sciences will be an added advantage
- Background knowledge in Gender Studies
- Background knowledge in qualitative research methods
- Excellent oral and written skills in English
- Very good social and communicative skills
- Prepared to do empirical field research in urban, peri-urban and rural areas.

Scholarship and financing

A competitive salary will be provided during the research phase at one of the Kenyan and Tanzanian partner universities. A doctoral scholarship will be awarded to cover costs while conducting research at German partner universities.

How to apply:

Interested applicants are required to submit the following documents via email:

1. Cover letter
2. Current Curriculum Vitae, including at least 2 academic referees (Recommended Europass CV format form can be downloaded at <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/home>). If this is not possible, please provide a 3 page CV.
3. Certified copies (in PDF format) of academic certificates and transcripts of degree courses taken; and
4. Preferably short summary of master thesis (max. 3 pages)

Please send your application to: a.kingiri@acts.or.ke and parto.teherani-kroenner@agrار.hu-berlin.de as well as christine.bauhardt@gender.hu-berlin.de

Applications must be received by **Thursday 10th October 2013**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Pre-selected applicants will be invited for an interview in Nairobi around 23rd October.