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Austrian Partnership Programme
in Higher Education and Research
for Development

International Experts Workshop
on the
Guidelines for the
Austrian Partnership Programme
in Higher Education and Research for Development
(APPEAR)

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1. Context

The consortium, consisting of the OeAD and the Austrian Latin America Institute (LAI) implements the new programme of the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) for the promotion of academic partnerships between North and South.

According to the development policy trend in Europe and the ADC programmatic guidelines the new "Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development – APPEAR" for the period 2010-2014 supports partnerships between higher education institutions in Austria and ADC key regions and priority countries in the South. The objectives are to improve the quality in teaching and research, to make the management and the administration at the involved institutions more effective and to strengthen the scientific dialogue nationally und internationally.

Under the superordinate goal of poverty reduction APPEAR also contributes to a discourse in society about quality and orientation of development in general. The institutional partnerships are based on a cooperative collaboration and mutual respect for different cultural contexts and approaches. It is also based on issues that are of high relevance particularly for the partners in the South. The exploitation of the results also follows a participatory approach – for example through mutual exchange of teaching staff or joint publications and presentations.

As it is a new programme for Austria the programme design will be developed in the first few months. Detailed information about requirements, funding policy, application forms, criteria and selection process will be published in a first call at the end of March.

2. Workshop objectives

- Coordination and adjustment with the partner institutions in the South and harmonization of the new Austrian programme with existing European higher education programmes with developing countries
- Alignment and concrete input for the instruments and guidelines of the new programme

3. Workshop plan

The seminar will consist of four sessions (please see time schedule).

a) Experiences and needs from the Southern perspective

Three experts from partner countries of the Austrian Development Cooperation will present relevant experiences with existing cooperation programmes from their regional perspective. The presentations will include information on regional priorities, experiences with similar programmes, best practice examples and lessons learnt.

Session outcome: Needs, demands and experiences in the key regions for the partnerships are communicated to the participants.

b) Presentation of existing relevant experiences in the field of academic networks and cooperation programmes

Three international experts will describe experiences from their institutional context including best practice examples and lessons learnt.

Session outcome: A showcase of the international framework is presented.

c) Presentation of the ADC Strategy for Higher Education and Scientific Cooperation and presentation of APPEAR in the European context

A representative of the ADC and the implementing organizations of APPEAR will present the strategy for Higher Education and Scientific Cooperation of the ADC and the objectives and guidelines of APPEAR will be described. A member of the APPEAR team will present an analysis of European programmes which are similar to APPEAR and which were studied to receive input for the elaboration of the guidelines of the new programme.

Session outcome: Participants have received information on the national framework of development policy in the field of Higher Education and Scientific Cooperation and the planned strategies, guidelines and activities of the new programme as well as information on the European framework of cooperation programmes in higher education.

d) World Café: Exchanging views on the guidelines and instruments of the new programme and giving advice to the programme coordinators

The aim of this session is to receive input from the participants about their institutional perspective regarding APPEAR and to discuss practical aspects of the new programme in the light of the previous information on regional and international context and strategies.

The *World Café-methodology* will be used for this session.

<http://www.theworldcafe.com/>

The questions to be discussed in a participatory way will address issues such as challenges and pitfalls of the programme, institutional obstacles, practical aspects in the realization, etc.

Session outcome: The APPEAR team receives advice and input from different perspectives to finalize guidelines and instruments and get a better insight into the expectations and anxieties of the target groups of the new programme.

Time Schedule:

1st day: 25.02. 2010, 2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Facilitator: Andreas Obrecht, OeAD

2.00 – 2.15 p.m.

Welcome by Margit Scherb, ADA and Andreas Obrecht, OeAD

Session a

2.15 – 4.00 p.m.

Keynotes (20 minutes each)

Relevant experiences with existing cooperation programmes from the Southern perspective

- Zerfu Hailu, GTZ / Ethiopia
- Roshan Raj Shrestha, Water for Asian Cities Programme / Nepal
- Juan Alfonso Fuentes Soria, CSUCA / Guatemala, Central America

4.00 – 4.30 p.m.

Coffee break

Session b

4:30 – 6.00 p.m.

Keynotes (20 minutes each)

Experiences with regional scientific networks

- Nzula Kitaka, EAWA / Kenya

Relevant experiences with existing cooperation programmes from the European perspective

- Beer Schröder, Nuffic / the Netherlands
- Tomas Kjellqvist, Sida / Sweden

7.00 p.m.

Dinner at a traditional Viennese wine tavern

2nd day: 26.02. 2010, 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Facilitator: Maria Dabringer, University of Vienna

Session c

9.00 – 10.15 a.m.

Keynotes (15 minutes each)

Presentation of the Strategy for Higher Education and Scientific Cooperation of the ADC

- Michaela Flenner, ADA

Presentation of APPEAR

- Andreas Obrecht, OeAD and Stefanie Reinberg, LAI

Comparative analysis of European programmes in higher education and research for development

- Mattias Larsen, OeAD

Session d

10:30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Discussion of the guidelines and instruments of APPEAR

(Group work – „World Café“-methodology)

1.00 – 2.00 p.m.

Lunch break

2.00 – 5.00 p.m.

Closing: Plenary discussion about the recommendations and résumé

Speakers and facilitators

Maria Dabringer, University of Vienna / Austria

*1971, social and cultural anthropologist, adult educator, facilitator and lecturer at the University of Vienna. Didactical consulting concerning the implementation of teaching and learning processes in the context of development co-operation. Interests and research areas within social sciences: development studies, urban anthropology, anthropology of food, consumption and material culture, feminist studies, regional focus on Latin America (Ecuador and the Andean Region).

Elisabeth Förg, ADA / Austria

Elisabeth Förg works in the Quality Assurance and Knowledge Management division of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) since 2004. As education advisor she is mainly responsible for the strategic development of the sector as well as the quality assurance of ADC financed programmes and projects in the field of education and research.

Juan Alfonso Fuentes Soria, CSUCA / Guatemala, Central America

Juan Alfonso Fuentes Soria finished his studies as oral surgeon at the University of San Carlos / Guatemala (USAC) in 1971, and his Master degree in Educational Measuring, Evaluation and Research in 1974. From 1980 to 1984 he was Dean of the Faculty of Odontology and from 1990 to 1994 Rector of the USAC. From 1990 to 1991 he was also President of CSUCA (Consejo Superior Universitario Centroamericano), the Central American University Council. He works as international consultant in ten Latin American countries. From 2000 to 2001 he was Technical Secretary of the Peace Secretariat of Guatemala and Executive Secretary of the Commission to Follow up the Implementation of the Peace Agreements. From 2001 to 2004 he was President of the Presidential Commission for Human Rights and Coordinator of the Presidential Unit for the Resolution of Conflicts. He published 75 works on education, odontological education, programme evaluation, health and human rights.

Zerfu Hailu, GTZ / Ethiopia

Zerfu Hailu did his PhD studies in Forest Ecology at the Vienna University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (2002), his MSc studies in Management of Natural Resources at the Norwegian University of Agriculture (1993) and his BSc studies in Forest Management at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (1988). He has more than 20 years of experience in the area of sustainable land management in different positions ranging from junior expert to regional manager. Currently he works as senior policy advisor and deputy manager for the German Development Cooperation (GTZ) office established in Bahir Dar to support the Sustainable Land Management Project of the Amhara Region-Ethiopia.

Nzula Kitaka, EAWA / Kenya

Dr. Nzula Kitaka is a senior lecturer of aquatic science in Kenya. She has a wide experience in coordination, development of collaborating programmes and training in the water sector. Dr. Kitaka has been coordinating the Annual International Post Graduate 3 week's course in Tropical Limnology for Developing Countries, sponsored by the ADC and held at Egerton University from 2004 to 2008. She is currently the coordinator of the Kenyan Trimester in UNESCO-IHE MSc Programme in Environmental Sciences / Limnology and Wetland Ecosystems (LWE) option. Dr. Kitaka is a member of the Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) for the ERA Net "SPLASH" project: European Union Water Initiative / European Research Area Network (EU-WI Era-Net). She is also a regional council member

of the Eastern Africa Water Association (EAWA) and the former Kenyan Chapter National Secretary (2003 to 2009). In December 2009 she was elected as the EAWA Kenyan Chapter Chair.

Tomas Kjellqvist, Sida / Sweden

Tomas Kjellqvist is a research and innovation policy specialist. He works in the management of Aid funded Development Cooperation since the year 2000 in different positions. Since 2008 onwards he has been working as director of the Secretariat for Research Cooperation at the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida. From 1992 to 2000 he was Research Officer at the Department for Research Cooperation of Sida, responsible for different areas (like bilateral research cooperation with Tanzania, Bolivia, and the University Library support program, for thematic research programmes in social sciences and for research inputs to the Swedish National Commission for the preparations of the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development). He did his PhD at the Environment and Development Studies Unit (EDSU) of the Department for Human Geography, and his BA in Human Geography at Stockholm University. From 1987 to 1988 he worked as a teacher for Natural Sciences and Technology and from 1983 to 1985 as a teacher for Development Studies.

Mattias Larsen, OeAD / Austria

Mattias Larsen is a development researcher specialised in the economic sociology of development focussing on the interaction between cultural and socio-economic institutions. He studied Economic History, Business Administration (BA) and Development Studies (MSc) and received his PhD at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden in Peace and Development Research. He works with the Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development (APPEAR) and as a researcher at the School of Global Studies, Peace and development research, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Andreas J. Obrecht, OeAD / Austria

Andreas J. Obrecht is a sociologist and a social and cultural anthropologist. Starting his research activities at the end of the 1980s in Papua New Guinea, he continued during the 1990s by working in African countries and from the year 2000 onwards, in South-Asian and South-East-Asian regions. Since June 2009 he has been the head of the "Commission for Development Studies" (KEF) at the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD). (see www.kef-online.at)

Roshan Raj Shrestha, Water for Asian Cities Programme / Nepal

Dr. Roshan Raj Shrestha holds a postgraduate training in Limnology of the Institute of Limnology, Austria (1993), and a doctoral degree in Applied Natural Sciences of the Department of Sanitary Engineering and Water Pollution Control, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences in Austria (1999). He has 22 years of experience in the water and sanitation sector. He has contributed to the introduction of household drinking water treatment technologies, arsenic removal filter technology, ecological sanitation, constructed wetland systems for wastewater treatment, and the ECO-HOME concept in Nepal. Dr. Shrestha, founder member of Environment & Public Health Organisation (ENPHO), is now associated with UN-HABITAT as Chief Technical Advisor for the South Asia Region.

Stefanie Reinberg, LAI / Austria

As Managing Director of the Austrian Latin America Institute since 1994, she is in charge of the scientific contacts of the LAI and has coordinated various conferences and projects dealing with the relations between Europe and Latin America. From 2007 to 2009 she coordinated the FP6 Project "*LAC ACCESS – Connecting high-quality research between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean Countries*".

Beer Schröder, Nuffic / the Netherlands

Drs. Beer R.E.V.M. Schröder (1953) is a graduate in Comparative Literature of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He is working for 27 years now with the Netherlands organization for International Co-operation in Higher Education (NUFFIC) in a variety of managerial positions.

Today, he is responsible for the management of international education programmes for developing countries, covering both scholarships and capacity development projects / programmes offered by the Netherlands government.

Annex:

Draft of the APPEAR "Guidebook for applicants" – to be discussed in the workshop

Web information:

www.appear.at

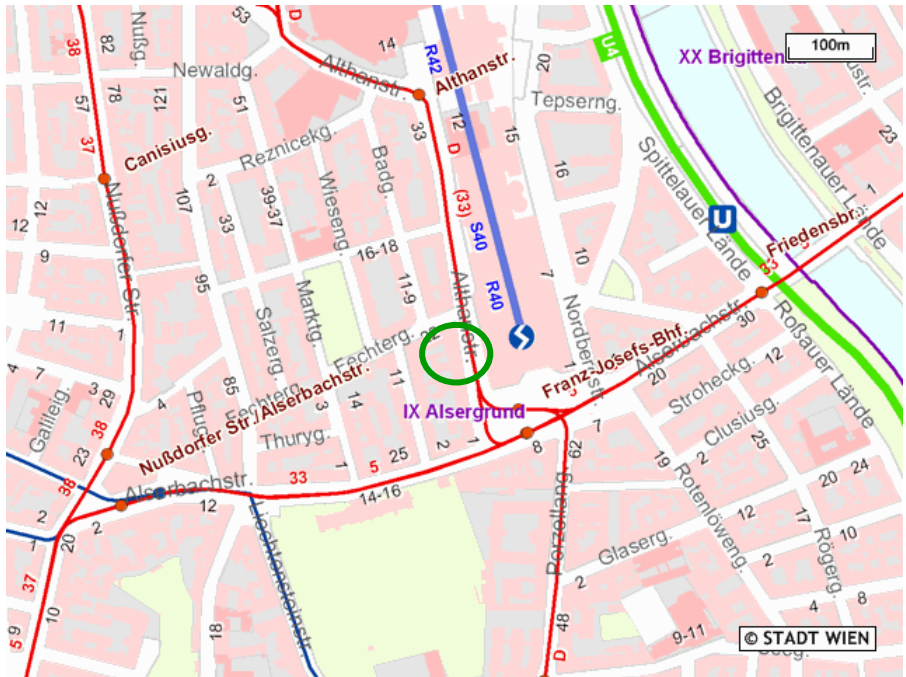
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<http://www.lai.at/es/instituto>

Location plan:

Workshop Venue: Hotel Bellevue, Althanstraße 5, 1090 Vienna
(Tramway D and 5, "Franz Josefs Bahnhof" stop; Underground U4, "Friedensbrücke" stop)
<http://www.austria-hotels.at/hotel-bellevue/location/public-transport.html>



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