

„German Science Week 2022“



Realization	Digital Format
Date	From Monday, July 18th, 2022, until Wednesday, July 20th, 2022 from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. (Cairo Local Time)
Target Group	Doctoral and postdoctoral candidates in Egypt and Sudan
Duration	4 h (each event day)
General Moderation and Contact Person	Nermine Abdelaty
Organizer	DAAD Regional Office Cairo German Academic Exchange Service 11 El Saleh Ayoub St. Zamalek, Cairo, Egypt URL: www.daad.eg



Concept Note

Since 2012, the DAAD Regional Office Cairo has been organising its annual highlight event the German Science Day. This event, which currently takes place in the framework of COSIMENA, aims to give doctoral and post-doctoral candidates from Egypt and Sudan insights into the German research landscape and connect them with representatives of German universities as well as DAAD alumni.

The DAAD Regional Office Cairo along with its network offers young researchers a unique opportunity to get scientific advice for doing doctoral and post-doctoral studies in Germany. The diverse program of the German Science Week includes different formats such as presentations of German universities, scientific talks, panel discussions, success stories from DAAD alumni and soft-skills modules. DAAD staff also provide an overview of the German research landscape and funding opportunities from the DAAD. The German Science Week facilitates the exchange between promising doctoral and post-doctoral candidates and professors, scientists and experts from Germany and Egypt.

Clusters of Scientific Innovation in the Middle East and North Africa

In the scope of COSIMENA, the DAAD Regional Office Cairo realises interdisciplinary events on current issues in science and innovation, such as workshops, conferences, roundtable discussions, the German Science Day, the COSIMENA Science Night and a Summer School. The several activities aim to bring together various stakeholders from science, business, government, and civil society. Especially young scientists are promoted and supported through networking opportunities.

Online Counselling

One of the pillars of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo's activities is the counseling service for students and researchers who are interested in studying and researching at German institutions for Higher Education and research. Our counseling services are two-folded, each aiming at a different target group: First, the Online Information Session for Undergraduates which targets those who want to enroll in a bachelor's programme in Germany. Second, the Online Individual Counselling for Postgraduates intends to provide advice for scholars who already achieved an academic degree and want to engage in a master's or PhD programme, conduct Postdoctoral research or teach at a university in Germany. If you are interested in the Online Information Session for Undergraduates, kindly book an appointment via this website: [Online Information Session for Undergraduates | DAAD Egypt](#) For an Individual Counselling Session for Postgraduates, kindly book an appointment via the following website: [Online Individual Counselling Session for Postgraduates | DAAD Egypt](#) For any inquiries via email, kindly use this email address: info@daadcairo.org.

DAAD Regional Office Cairo

It was in 1960 when the DAAD Regional Office was established based on the German-Egyptian Cultural Agreement. Since then, the academic relations between Egypt and Germany have evolved steadily. The close cooperation has unwrapped new horizons for the scientific bonds



of both countries to further develop and flourish. Thousands of Egyptian scholars have benefited ever since from these ties.

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Day1: Programme

Monday, July 18th, 2022, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. (Cairo Local Time)

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15 min 10.00 – 10.15 a.m.	Greeting Words Isabell Mering Director of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo Lorena Mohr Head of Science and Protocol, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Egypt
5 min 10.15 – 10.20 a.m.	Overview of the German Science Week 2022 Nermine Abdelaty DAAD Regional Office Cairo
10 min 10.20 – 10.30 a.m.	The DAAD and its Contribution to Scientific Collaboration Felix Bock & Nermine Abdelaty DAAD Regional Office Cairo
20 min 10.30 – 10.50 a.m.	The German Research Landscape Felix Bock DAAD Regional Office Cairo
20 min 10.50 – 11.10 a.m.	The DAAD and its Funding Mechanisms Heba Ahmed DAAD Regional Office Cairo
10 min	Q & A session
35 min 11.20 – 11.55 a.m.	Soft-Skills Mini-Module: „How to contact a supervisor/professor in Germany?“ Dr Mona Eltobgui National Research Center
10 min	Q & A session
20 min 1.05 -12.25 p.m.	Presentation of a German University: "Doing your PhD or Postdoc at Freie Universität Berlin" Bertram Welker Freie Universität Berlin
10 min	Q & A session
20 min 12.35 – 12.55 p.m.	Scientific Talk: "Impact of Climate Change on Groundwater Resources: Research Projects at the Department of Earth Sciences of Freie Universität Berlin"

	Prof. Dr Michael Schneider Freie Universität Berlin
10 min	Q & A session
20 min 1.05 - 1.25 p.m.	“The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation” Dr Ebaa El-Hossary Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
10 min	Q & A session
20 min 1.35 - 1.55 p.m.	Scientific Talk: “Climate Security Between Conflict and Cooperation” Prof. Dr Jürgen Scheffran University of Hamburg
10 min	Q & A session
2.05 - 2.10 p.m.	Wrap-up & end of the event Nermine Abdelaty DAAD Regional Office Cairo

Day 2: Programme

Tuesday, July 19th, 2022, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. (Cairo Local Time)

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10.00 - 10.10 a.m.	Greeting Words and overview of the programme of day 2 Isabell Mering Director of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo Nermine Abdelaty DAAD Regional Office Cairo
20 min 10.10 - 10.30 a.m.	Presentation of a German University: "Doing your PhD or Postdoc at the Philipps-Universität Marburg" Irene El-Khorazaty Liaison Office Cairo
10 min	Q & A session
20 min 10.40 - 11.00 a.m.	Scientific Talk: “FOR 2358: Mountain Exile Hypothesis: How Humans benefited from and re-shaped African high-altitude ecosystems during Quaternary Climatic Changes” Prof. Dr Lars Opgenoorth Philipps-Universität Marburg
10 min	Q & A session
20 min 11.10 - 11.30 a.m.	Presentation of a German University: “The University of Cologne at a glance” Dr Susanne Preuschoff & Karim Zafer University of Cologne/Liaison Office Cairo
10 min	Q & A session

20 min 11.40 – 12.00 p.m.	Scientific Talk: “.....” (tba) Prof. Dr Raoul Bunschoten Technische Universität Berlin
10 min	Q & A session
15 min 12.10 – 12.25 p.m.	Alumni Report Prof. Dr Ehab Elrefaee Cairo University
5 min	Q & A session
20 min 12.30 – 12.50 p.m.	Presentation of a German university: “Study and Research at TU Darmstadt” Nadia El-Nokraschi & Babette Chaliban Technical University of Darmstadt
10 min	Q & A session
20 min 1.00 - 1.20 p.m.	Presentation of a German university/Research Institution: “Technical University of Munich/TUM: The Entrepreneurial University” Vannessa Grünhagen & Agnieszka Slota Technische Universität München
10 min	Q & A session
10 min 1.30 – 1.40 p.m.	Scientific Talk “Climate Ethics or Regulation: What will work for Africa’s Development?” Dr Dennis Agelebe University of Cologne
10 min	Q & A session
10 min 1.50 – 2.00 p.m.	Wrap-up & end of the event Nermine Abdelaty DAAD Regional Office Cairo

Day 3: Programme

Wednesday, July 20th, 2022, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. (Cairo Local Time)

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10.00 – 10.10 a.m.	Greeting Words and overview on the programme of day 3 Isabell Mering Director of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo Nermine Abdelaty DAAD Regional Office Cairo
20 min 10.10 – 10.30 a.m.	Alumni Report: “DAAD Alumni GERS and GERLS” Youssra Aly Cairo University/Bonn University
10 min	Q & A session

<p>20 min 10.40 – 11.00 a.m.</p>	<p>Presentation of a German university: “Studying and doing Research at TU Berlin” Ingy Nafie Liaison Office Cairo</p>
<p>10 min</p>	<p>Q & A session</p>
<p>15 min 11.10 – 11.25 a.m.</p>	<p>Alumni Report: “...” (tba) Tamer Ibrahim Kafr Elsheikh University</p>
<p>5 min</p>	<p>Q & A session</p>
<p>35 min 11.30 – 12.05 p.m.</p>	<p>Soft Skills Mini Module: “Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking Skills” Mohamed Taha DKA-Trainer/German University Cairo</p>
<p>10 min</p>	<p>Q & A session</p>
<p>60 min 12.15 - 1.15 p.m.</p>	<p>Discussion: “The new normal at German Universities: post-pandemic and crisis in Europe?”</p> <p>Christiane Biehl University of Cologne</p> <p>Dr Florian Kohstall Freie Universität Berlin</p> <p>Carmen Fels Philipps-Universität Marburg</p> <p>Andrea Kick Technische Universität München</p> <p>Lorena Mohr German Embassy in Cairo</p> <p>Moderator: Fatma Soliman Deputy Director of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo</p>
<p>5 min 1.15 – 1.20 p.m.</p>	<p>Wrap-up & end of the event Nermine Abdelaty DAAD Regional Office Cairo</p>

Event Formats

Presentation of a German University or a German Research Institution
(30 minutes)

Presentation of a German University/Research Institution: the different programs, focus, and strategic goals. A “Q & A-session” is included at the end of the session.

Report from DAAD-Alumni
(20 minutes)

Being an Alumnus/Alumna by the DAAD comes with the enrichment of various experiences and knowledge. The DAAD Alumni share their experiences: opportunities and challenges during their studies and research in Germany. The session will focus on the following aspects:

- their scientific experience,
- their intercultural & social experience and
- their living experiences in Germany

A “Q & A-session” is included at the end of the session.

Scientific Talk
(30 minutes)

Our scientific talks deal with different global challenges; like climate change; especially the ones related to the different issue-driven clusters: agriculture, cultural heritage, economy, energy, health, urbanism and water.

A “Q & A-session” is included at the end of the session.

Soft Skills Mini-Modules
(45 minutes)

Due to the great need and demand for skill enhancement and capacity building among academics in Egypt, the DAAD Regional Office Cairo offers various modules by professional trainers to help strengthen Egyptian students and researchers in international competition by offering opportunities for further training rarely found in universities and research institutions. These Mini-Modules give young researchers insights into the necessary soft skills which are prerequisites to pursue an academic career in Germany. A “Q & A-session” is included.

Panel Discussion
(60 minutes)

It is a „live “, in-person or virtual discussion about the academic career at the times post-pandemic and crisis in Europe amongst a group of experts from the German Embassy, the DAAD, the German Universities who share facts and offer differing perspectives about the topic and provide useful information for researchers who are planning to continue part of their academic career in Germany. The Panel Discussion is facilitated by a “moderator”. The questions were collected before the event.