

German Science Day 2023

A Glimpse into the German Academic World






Realization	On-site Event; DAAD Regional Office Cairo
Date	Thursday, July 20 th , 2023 from 10 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Cairo Local Time)
Guests	Researchers and Scientists working in all science fields who are interested in pursuing part of their academic career in Germany; i. e. doctoral and postdoctoral candidates living in Egypt
Duration	9 h
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1 Aim & Scope

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 the project COSIMENA (Clusters of Scientific Innovation in the Middle East and North Africa), aims to give doctoral and post-doctoral candidates from Egypt 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 doing doctoral and post-doctoral studies in Germany. The diverse program of the German Science Day 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 provides an overview of the German research landscape and funding opportunities from the DAAD. The German Science Day facilitates the exchange between promising doctoral and post-doctoral candidates and professors, scientists and experts from Germany and Egypt.

2 Event Formats

	<p>2.1 Presentation of a German University or a German Research Institution</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>2.2 Scientific Talk</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>2.3 Soft Skills Mini-Modules</p> <p>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 pursuing an academic career in Germany. A “Q & A-session” is included.</p>

	<p>2.4 Report from DAAD-Alumni</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>2.5 Panel Discussion</p> <p>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 and 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.</p>
	<p>2.6 One-on-One-Meeting Sessions with a German Professor</p> <p>This session aims at giving the doctoral and postdoctoral candidates a glimpse into the process of working one-to-one with a German supervisor on different questions related to their research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which aspects in specific fields are of interest to German professors? • What are the focal points the candidate should be working on? • What are the points the candidates should take into consideration while conducting their research? <p>Furthermore, the candidates get advice on where the research is in their current field and how to catch the attention of a German professor.</p>
	<p>2.7 Information Booth & Counseling</p> <p>The DAAD Regional Office Cairo and German universities and/or Research institutions have an information booth at the German Science Day where they offer counseling to candidates who have specific questions based on their individual cases.</p>