



University of Bonn
Center for Development Research (ZEF)
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invite applications for the position of a

Junior Researcher (65%, TVL 13)
SDG-Synergies and Conflicts at the Science-Policy Interface
Application Deadline 31. July 2020

The Center for Development Research (ZEF) is an institute of the University of Bonn, Germany. ZEF's researchers aim to find science-based solutions to development-related issues. ZEF's research departments on Economic and Technological Change, Political and Cultural Change, and Ecology and Natural Resources Management conduct inter and transdisciplinary research in, for and with emerging economies and on global issues with its collaborating research partners around the world. ZEF educates doctoral students in its Doctoral Studies Program. More information is available at www.zef.de.

The University of Münster is one of the largest universities in Germany with a rich and time-honoured tradition. It enjoys an outstanding reputation in the region and far beyond. Fifteen faculties with 120 degree programmes and some 30 research centres comprise the institutional backbone of the University. Some 44,000 students and 5,700 academics appreciate the University's excellent research opportunities, high-quality teaching, promotion of junior researchers, and the advantages of living in the city of Münster.

In the project "At the Science Policy Interface: LANd Use SYnergies and CONflicts within the framework of the 2030 Agenda" (LANUSYNCON) we aim at the conceptual and practical integration of different perspectives, actors and research disciplines to support coherent land use decision making. The insufficient coordination between land use decisions of different political sectors often leads to conflicts of ownership, access and use. This is especially the case in sub-Saharan Africa, where the pressure on land is increasing. In LANUSYNCON we examine the complex trade-offs between different Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Knowledge about decision making and land use will be linked with the SDGs in an innovative way and translated into model-based policy decision and land use scenarios.

We are looking for a junior researcher, who will be responsible for the analysis of international Science-Policy-Interfaces (SPIs) and how SPI recommendations and assessments impact land use decisions and policy coherence.

The position will start at the earliest possible date (October anticipated). The contract will be limited till 30th of June 2021 but might be extended until 31st of March 2025. The ambition to pursue an academic career including obtaining a doctoral degree is expected.

We offer:

- Joining a dynamic and international team of researchers.
- Participate in a new inter- and transdisciplinary research project with a focus on land use conflicts and synergies in Kenya and Tanzania.
- The opportunity to pursue research relevant for a subsequent doctoral thesis (depending on positive evaluation in June 2021).
- Conduct policy-relevant and integrative research on the role of Sustainable Development Goals in international Science-Policy-Interfaces (SPIs)
- Analysis of land use policy coherence in the context of SPI assessments and institutional structures
- Case study driven analysis on the implementation and impact of SPI assessments on national land use decision making, land use conflicts and synergies

Requirements and responsibilities:

- Excellent Master degree in Political Sciences or related discipline
- Demonstrable knowledge in the areas of International Organizations and Global Governance
- Demonstrable knowledge in the use of qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Willingness to pursue a doctoral degree as part of the project.
- Highly proficient in both spoken and written English.

Other skills which may be an advantage for the applicant:

- Knowledge about international Science Policy Interfaces in the land use context.
- Knowledge about the international sustainability debate and policy coherence.
- Experience in conducting interviews with policy makers.
- Research/Work experience in international organizations.

The position will start at the earliest possible date (October anticipated). Applications (cover letter, CV and certificates) should be sent by e-mail **in one pdf document** (less than 2 MB) to Jun-Prof. Lisa Biber-Freudenberger lfreuden@uni-bonn.de. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an online interview. ZEF promotes the equality of women and men. Women are therefore especially encouraged to apply.