

Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF), WG Sustainable Land Use in Developing Countries (SusLAND) offers

Master Thesis Project (Masterarbeit)

In the frame of **TREES research project on "Forest Landscape Restoration and Governance in the Forest sector in the tropics" - Country Package: Cameroon**". The project aims to provide scientific advice to GIZ (the German International Cooperation Organization) in its activities of forest landscape restoration and good governance in the forest sector. To support in 2025 the project's research activities in SusLAND working group, we are offering a position for a Master:

MSc 18: Social cohesion as a tool for bushfire mitigation in the municipalities of Yoko et Nanga-Eboko (Cameroun).

This master's research thesis aims to explore how fostering social cohesion within the communities of Yoko and Nanga-Eboko can serve as an effective strategy for reducing the incidence and impact of bushfires. It will help to underscore the role of community solidarity, cooperation, and collective action in mitigating bushfire risks, highlighting prevention and management efforts.

Requirements

- Candidate must be registered at a University in Germany or abroad, preferably in Cameroon (NB: second year of Master's degree);
- A good knowledge of English and French is required;
- First experience in collecting qualitative data (interviews, focus groups) leading group discussions or workshops;
- Good knowledge of qualitative and/or quantitative data analysis (statistics);
- Willingness to travel for field work in selected areas of Cameroon (field work envisaged in Q1/Q2 2025);
- Successful completion of the Master thesis.

We offer

- The master student will be integrated into an interdisciplinary project team working
- (Co-)Supervision of the master's thesis will be provided by ZALF staff.
- Travel costs related to researching the master's thesis topic will be covered by project funding.

Application

In case of interest, please send us your application by e-mail (one PDF file, max. 5 MB) with 1) a motivation letter including a link to the Master thesis topic (max. two pages), 2) a CV, and 3) Proof of qualification (certificates and an example of recent scientific writing, e.g. term paper) stating the reference 'Application Master Thesis F4F YOUR NAME Cameroon-02' to: recruiting-susland@zalf.de

In case of questions, please contact: KueshiSemanou.Dahan@zalf.de

We look forward to receiving your application!

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