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INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE IUCEA-DAAD SEMINAR ON QUALITY SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL EDUCATION

Preamble

The collaboration between IUCEA and DAAD, which was formally initiated in 2006 was renewed for another period of 5 years from 2016 to 2021 through an MoU that was signed in May 2016. One of the activities that have been agreed, among others, is capacity development and improvement of quality and mobility in graduate education in East Africa. Henceforth, IUCEA is inviting interested participants from IUCEA member universities hosting World Bank funded African Centers of Excellency (ACE II) and the Multi-National “East African Community Regional Centers of Excellence (CoE) for Skills and Tertiary Education in Higher Medical and Health Sciences Education, Research and Services Program to apply for participation to the seminar, on a competitive basis.

The Call for participation to a Seminar on Quality doctoral education – A prerequisite for Strong Universities in Africa Nairobi, 26-28 September 2016

Higher education in sub-Saharan Africa can only be sustainably strengthened if local capacities to educate the next generation of university lecturers and researchers are in place. The expansion of doctoral education in order to accommodate the high demand for more and well qualified university lecturers poses tremendous challenges to universities in Africa. Identifying suitable doctoral candidates, ensuring appropriate supervision, providing an adequate research infrastructure, safeguarding a quality research output and preparing PhD graduates for their responsibilities as university lecturers all belong to the realm of quality in doctoral education and will be addressed in this seminar.

The Seminar, which has been organized by DAAD in collaboration with IUCEA and the Commission for University Education (CUE) of Kenya is aiming to address some of the above-mentioned challenges.

Expected Seminar outcomes

At the end of the seminar participants will have:

- Analysed the various dimensions of ensuring quality provision of doctoral education in Africa;
- Taken stock of current capacity building initiatives and needs;
- Shared current institutional practices in training doctoral candidates;
- Been inspired by examples from other African countries and Europe;
- Contributed to developing future support measures that strengthen doctoral education in Africa.

Criteria for selecting university staff for participation in the Seminar

The following are proposed criteria to be used in the selection of participants from IUCEA member universities on competitive basis, that the candidate should:

- a) Be member of Teaching/Research staff
- b) Possess a Ph.D. in any academic field
- c) Demonstration of potential of becoming an excellent supervisor by submitting a one page “motivational letter”

Available financial support from IUCEA and Cost-Sharing arrangement

One of the principles of financing and organising the agreed upon activities is on cost-sharing amongst the partners. Henceforth, in organizing this activity, which will bring about 50 participants from the region, IUCEA will select and finance the participation of 12 participants, as stated above.

Thus, IUCEA will provide the following financial support to selected 12 participants:

- a) Return air ticket
- b) Bed and Breakfast accommodation at the venue hotel
- c) Ground transport refund, upon production of a receipt

Therefore, the mother institution is expected to provide for out of-pocket allowance based on the institutional financial provisions to cater for meals and other incidentals.

Submission of Application

The applications should be sent to the undersigned so as to be received by **Wednesday, 24th August 2016**.

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