

Preparation of a structured doctoral programme on sustainable agricultural development in Central Asia

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Agricultural development in Central Asia requires a system approach taking into account the various implications of agriculture resource use for economic, social, and environmental sustainability. Currently, there is no place in Central Asia where such an approach has been instituted in an academic environment that links cutting edge research to graduate education based on international standards. The project thus puts forward the creation of a collaborative research environment for doctoral researchers that is based at Samarkand Agricultural Institute (SamAI) in Uzbekistan and that is established and maintained jointly with the German IAMO institute and a network of national and international partners. The establishment of this Graduate School is driven by four guiding principles: (1) a competitive and transparent recruitment of doctoral researchers, (2) a focus on research topics that build a bridge between the international academic discourse and agricultural development challenges that are relevant for Central Asia, (3) the structured education and training of the doctorate students that enables them to conduct independent research, and (4) the integration into a network of international partners and events. The preparatory project covers a period of six months that shall be used to lay the ground for the start of the Graduate School. The main objectives during this period are defining the research focus and the training curriculum, preparing the organisational and technical infrastructure, and identifying the network of partners for the School.

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