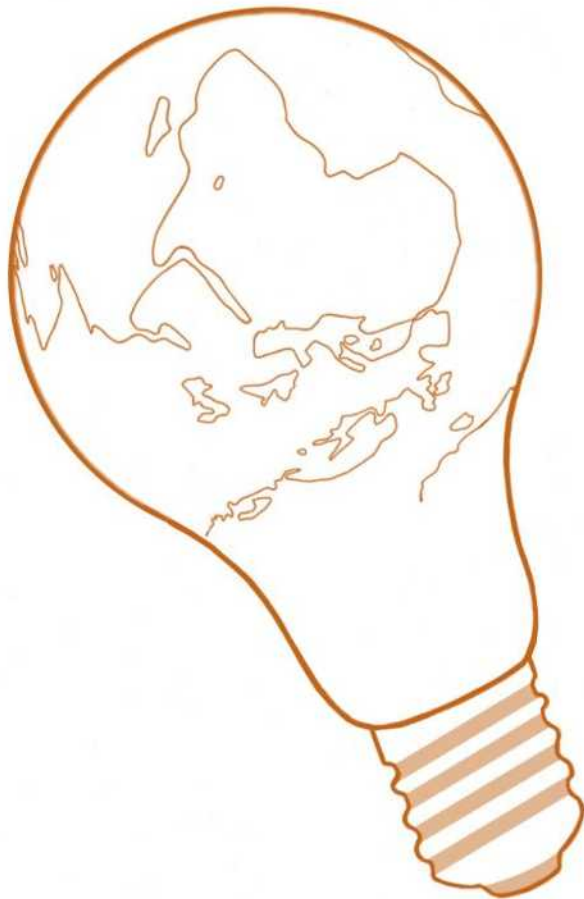


Call for Applications

Autumn School for Sustainable Entrepreneurship

22 – 26 October 2018, Stuttgart (Germany)

The Autumn School for Sustainable Entrepreneurship is an exchange format for up to 25 young change-makers from the African continent and Germany, organised by Engagement Global with its ASA Programme within the framework of the African-German Youth Initiative (AGYI).



For more information, please visit:

asa.engagement-global.de/autumn-school-for-sustainable-entrepreneurship

In case of questions, please contact: autumn.school@engagement-global.de

Apply now!

Date

From 22 to 26 Oct 2018

Venue

Stuttgart, Germany

Who can apply?

Young Entrepreneurs (aged 21 to 35) addressing social or ecological issues through digitalisation, who are in an early implementation phase of their business.

Contents

Online coaching programme by Autumn School alumni; peer to peer sessions; expert inputs and discussions on sustainable business and digitalisation; pitching sessions; field visits to selected projects in Stuttgart; multi-stakeholder networking event

Costs & Expenses

The participation is free of charge. The ASA Programme covers expenses for travel and accommodation.

Deadline for application

24 June 2018



Detailed Description

The Autumn School for Sustainable Entrepreneurship is an annual programme for young change-makers from the African continent and Germany. Driven by the vision of a transition towards a sustainable global economy it enables young entrepreneurs to learn more about sustainable business, consider how to maximise their social impact, share their locally acquired best practices with each other, and become part of an international network of young people sharing the same spirit of sustainability.

The Autumn School is organised by Engagement Global with its ASA Programme within the framework of the African German Youth Initiative (AGYI) and takes place once a year, alternately in Germany and in an African country. The format was launched in Berlin in 2016. This year's event is organised and implemented in close cooperation with Baden-Württemberg Foundation for Development Cooperation (SEZ).

Our vision: To create a network of sustainable entrepreneurs who think and learn globally

Sustainable Entrepreneurship addresses social or ecological challenges through entrepreneurial efforts. Many of these challenges are highly complex and of a global nature. They require integrated responses, based on resources and know-how from different regional actors. By creating a common understanding of sustainable entrepreneurship in the global context the Autumn School wants to facilitate a dialogue and the implementation of sustainability projects across continents.

This year's topic: Digitalisation

There are not many societal developments of the past decades that can be matched by that of digitalisation. Being considered as one of the greatest challenges by some, the global digital shift has not only redefined the way we communicate and our perception of time, but has also proven itself most effective in terms of breaking traditional boundaries such as those of mobility, access to education or access to information. This year's Autumn School for Sustainable Entrepreneurship is putting emphasis on innovative initiatives that combat social and environmental issues through digitalisation with the aim of strengthening, showcasing and connecting young African and German change-makers.

This year's format: Making the best of four networks

This Autumn School 2018 will be organised by the ASA Programme in co-operation with Baden-Württemberg Foundation for Development Cooperation. The format combines the ASA Programme's unique expertise in the field of global learning, sustainable business and exchange formats, and taps into the Foundation's established regional network in Baden-Württemberg and its extensive knowledge in international development practice.

True to this year's overarching theme, participants will also benefit from a virtual peer-to-peer coaching programme, during which Autumn School alumni with a background in social entrepreneurship will assist participants in developing solutions to issues they are currently facing.

Participants can also expect valuable inputs from Social Impact with special focus on Social Entrepreneurship and Digitalisation.



Fact Sheet

Target group

The Autumn School is aimed at entrepreneurs guided by social and ecological principles and with a considerable interest in developing certain aspects of their enterprise. The format is particularly suited for entrepreneurs who are in the conceptual or early implementing phase of their project.

Benefits

The participants of the Autumn School will...

- get to know more about the life and work of other young change-makers from African countries and Germany;
- be able to tackle local challenges more efficiently by discussing sustainability issues in a global setting;
- exchange resources and experiences and prepare the ground for long-term virtual or regional exchange;
- benefit from the regional partner network of the Baden-Württemberg Foundation for Development Cooperation
- be part of the ASA Programme's extended alumni and partner network.

Contents of the Autumn School

- Two-month virtual online coaching programme where participants are supported by alumni to develop solutions to their business-related issues and maximize their social impact;
- Inspiring expert inputs and discussions on sustainable business and sustainability issues;
- Peer-to-peer sessions where participants convene and learn from each other and invited international guests;
- Field visits to selected projects in Stuttgart;
- Networking event on sustainable business for participants and external guests featuring panel discussions, workshops, pitches, market place...

For more information regarding contents and participants of the previous events, please visit:

<https://asa.engagement-global.de/autumn-school-2016-2017.html>



Organisation & Application

Date and venue: The Autumn School will take place from 22-26 October in Stuttgart, Germany. The venue is still to be determined.

Costs: The participation in the Autumn School is free of charge. The ASA Programme will bear the expenses for travel and accommodation (for 6 nights) for all selected participants. Participants will furthermore be assisted with the organisation of their travel and accommodation and with their visa application process.

Application: The **deadline** for **applications** for the Autumn School for Sustainable Entrepreneurship is **24 June 2018**. The number of participants is limited to 25. A confirmation letter for those accepted will be sent out in the course of July.

You can find all relevant information regarding the requirements for applicants, the application procedure and the selection process in the application form and on our [website](#).

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More and updated information can be found online:

Autumn School:
asa.engagement-global.de/autumn-school-for-sustainable-entrepreneurship.html

ASA Programme:
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The African-German Youth Initiative:
daj.engagement-global.de/homepage.html

