

EXCELLENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

**Katholischer Akademischer
Ausländer-Dienst • KAAD**





Mission statement

The Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD) provides financial and civic educational support as well as pastoral assistance for high-potential post-graduate scholars from Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. The KAAD has been registered as a charity of the German Catholic Church since 1958 - today it is the largest Catholic scholarship organization in the area of international educational collaboration in the world. KAAD scholars are

chosen on the basis of their social and religious commitment as well as for their academic excellence and leadership qualities. They may pursue masters, doctoral or post-doctoral programs in virtually any academic field. Thousands of scholars around the world have used this opportunity to become multipliers for development.



Education and research for human development

Our post-graduate scholarship programs promote capacity-building and assist in institution-building. They usually involve scientific research, thus contributing to a better understanding of development problems in more than 100 countries. Every year KAAD scholars are among the recipients of national and international awards for their work. Research institutions all over the world employ socially committed KAAD scholars in the service of sustainable human and economic development. A very high percentage of KAAD scholars can also be found in civic and Church organizations, government institutions and the private sector.





Some KAAD statistics

Total number of scholars since 1958: around 7000

Total number of scholars' countries of origin: 117

Average number of scholars per year (last decade): 600

Average period of sponsorship: 2 years

Study and research projects in all academic fields at 90 locations.

Average number of seminars per year: 20

Average number of participants: 870

Number of honorary collaborators in the world: 250

Total number of partner committees: 50

Total number of alumni associations 16

KAAD publications annually: 4

Holistic education

Besides securing scholars' material well-being, KAAD aims at making a contribution to their holistic education as intermediaries of different cultures and religions. A broad educational program in which around 1,500 people participate each year offers the opportunity to engage in a dialogue not only with German culture, society, and Church. Seminars and conferences also address current development policy issues to strengthen leadership qualities, prepare scholars for their re-integration at home, and offer pastoral assistance.





A lasting partnership

The aim of sponsoring academic training of socially and religiously committed professionals and scientists who as life-long agents will contribute to development in their home countries makes long-term cooperation between KAAD and its alumni a cornerstone in our work. As early as in the selection process an independent Academic Council made up of internationally recognized scholars examines the significance of the scholars' research projects in terms of the particular needs of their home countries. Close collaboration between the KAAD and its scholars during their study period in Germany, which includes extensive support in preparing the foundations for professional career at home, pro-

vides a solid basis for a strong and lasting partnership.

Back home alumni continue to be part of the international KAAD community. They are assisted by

- a rapidly expanding network of KAAD scholars' associations around the world linking specialists from all disciplines,
- KAAD-sponsored international seminars and conferences in numerous regions of the world, and
- short-term alumni research grants offering opportunities for further professional advancement.

These broad structures guarantee that highly qualified professionals who decided to live and work under often difficult conditions in their home countries will stay in close contact with the international academic community and will be able to remain abreast of religious, social, political, and economic developments.

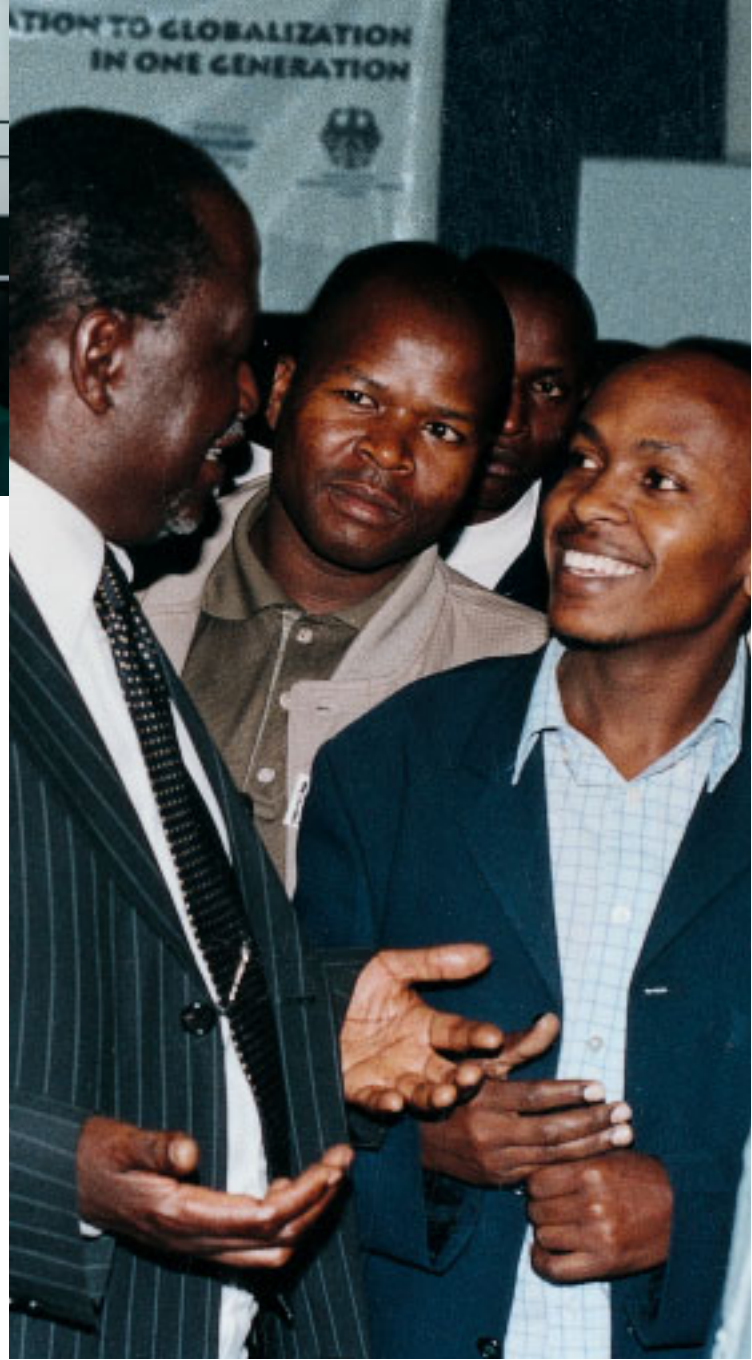




The KAAD: a partner in Germany, Europe and around the world

Due to the competence of its staff and many years of experience in collaborating with scholars and institutions in many different countries, the KAAD is highly recognized as a partner in the execution of projects in Germany and abroad. Together with the Church, state, and private institutions, the KAAD organizes events and projects ranging from workshops and conferences to full-scale, long-lasting research projects.

As the clearing agency of the German Bishops' Conference for foreign students and scholars, the KAAD coordinates the activities of the various dioceses and works together with the University Pastoral. The integration of this work in a European network of similar institutions (Service of the European Churches for International Students) also adds a European dimension to the KAAD's work.





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