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## Fellowships 2023: Call for Applications

*SWP, IDOS, IfW*

The Megatrends Afrika project is awarding three (3) fellowships to African researchers. Megatrends Afrika is a cooperation between the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin, the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS) in Bonn and the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW). The project conducts policy-relevant interdisciplinary research on Africa. It also provides policy advice to decision-makers. Its three core research themes are i) actors of violence and the changing nature of conflict, ii) the effects of megatrends on democratisation and autocratisation, and iii) global power shifts and multipolarity.

### The fellowship:

Fellows will **conduct a research project independently** or, if suitable, in collaboration with project team members or other SWP, IDOS and IfW colleagues - and **contribute at least one paper to the project's publication series**. All fellows are expected to actively participate in project meetings, events and other relevant activities of their host institution.

The working language of the Megatrends Afrika team is English. Publications will be accepted in English, French and German.

### Your profile:

- **PhD** in politics, economics, social sciences, geography, international relations, relevant regional sciences;
- originally from an **African country**;
- **academic publications and a track record in research areas of relevance to the MTA project**;
- experience in scientific policy advice is an advantage.

### We offer:

Fellowships will be granted **for a period of up to three (3) months between 15 May and 30 November 2023, full-time**. For the duration of the fellowship, fellows are expected to reside in the city of the respective institute, i.e., in Berlin, Bonn or Kiel. **Fellows will receive a monthly**

**grant of € 2,800** as well as an economy fare return trip between the fellow's place of residence and Germany. At IDOS, the honorarium will be calculated based on the IDOS fee schedule.

**Fellows are selected and placed according to the research agendas of the host institutes.** Fellows who require a visa to enter Germany will be provided with a letter of support if invited.

## Research topics 2023:

**We are in particular interested in research proposals on the following topics:**

- **Multidimensional crises:** Consequences of multidimensional crisis (security, political order/regimes, food security, climate change) for social cohesion, resilience and gender dynamics, with a focus on the Sahel or the Lake Chad Basin
- **The changing nature of armed conflict and intervention,** including remote warfare and hybrid warfare and their implications for state legitimacy
- **Demographic change:** Effects of demographic change on political attitudes and participation; political attitudes and participation of young women
- **Digital technologies:** their impact on African politics, societies and economies (i.e., political influence, misinformation, mobile money, investments)
- **Climate change:** Africa's role in international climate change negotiations or issues related to climate adaptation
- **Energy transitions in Africa:** African national and international interests and agendas.

## How to apply:

All applications must be submitted as a **single PDF document** and must contain a **one-page letter of motivation, academic CV incl. a list of academic publications** (a sample of **2 pieces of recent publications**), **copies of relevant academic transcripts and/or diplomas** (no translations needed), a **written concept note containing the description of the applicant's project**. The concept note should not exceed 2,000 words and include a discussion of the project/research topic, relevant project objectives and an explanation of the academic and policy relevance of the project as well as an overview of the theoretical and methodological approaches the fellow seeks to apply. The scope and ambition of the project should be framed in a way that the publication will be finalised by the end of the fellowship.

**The deadline for fellowship applications is April 7, 2023, 11:59 p.m. CEST. Please send your application by email to [Megatrends-Afrika@swp-berlin.org](mailto:Megatrends-Afrika@swp-berlin.org).** Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.

## Selection process:

Following the review of written applications, **shortlisted candidates will be invited to an online interview**. In choosing applicants, the jury will put particular emphasis on the following criteria:

- Academic and professional merit based on the applicant's publications and work experience;
- Academic and political relevance of the applicant's project;
- Coherence and feasibility of the applicant's project;
- Candidates' ability to communicate effectively and make complex ideas accessible to a broad audience.

For more information about the project Megatrends Afrika, please visit our website:  
<https://www.megatrends-afrika.de/en>

As part of the application process, we will store and process the data you send us and share it with members of the jury that will consist of employees of SWP, IDOS and IfW. In the privacy policy declaration available [here](#) we would like to inform you comprehensively about the collection, processing and use of your personal data. If you do not agree with the processing of your data by Megatrends Afrika, you can object at any time by contacting [Megatrends-Afrika@swp-berlin.org](mailto:Megatrends-Afrika@swp-berlin.org).



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