

SLE advises socio-ecological projects and seeks financial partners for capacity building programmes

To whom is this message addressed?

Experts and executives of organisations for sustainability and international cooperation, financiers and managers of international education and training institutions, especially from green transformative fields: agro-ecology, ecosystems and food, socio-ecological management, governance and participation.

Who are we and what do we do?

We are a multicultural advisory team at the Centre for Rural Development (SLE) of the Humboldt University of Berlin. We combine 60 years of practice-oriented research experience on socio-ecological topics with the didactic approach typical of SLE. The aim is a co-creative process of knowledge building through paternalism-free cooperation.

What methods and approaches do we use?

Demand-oriented professional advice

- Needs analysis & coaching
- Curricular consulting for technical colleges and universities
- Evaluation consulting
- Development of tailor-made trainings

South-South Exchange & North-South Exchange

- Building networks
- Long-distance effects of action
- Co-creation of knowledge
- Triangular cooperation

Paternalism-free communication

- Online, hybrid and in presence
- Marketing consulting for educational products
- Manuals, video training
- Feedback culture

What kind of advisory services do we offer?

Based on its long experience in development studies and education, the SLE offers advisory services and organisational development for socio-ecological projects as well as for training and education projects. Together with our partners, we develop tailor-made international training series and curricula for vocational schools and universities. We accompany our partners from the planning stage to evaluation or on an ad hoc basis. In doing so, we focus on "learning from and with each other" (Co-Learning & Co-Creation of Knowledge). In order to achieve sustainable effects, we develop locally adapted solutions and new standards together with our target groups. Our team is also at your side when it comes to evaluating results or finding favourable political frameworks to bring them into widespread use.



Which topics are at the centre of our work?

Green issues on a multi-level approach, i.e. practice, as well as social participation and political framework analysis, is the focus of our advisory services. Thematically, we adopt an agro-ecological perspective and focus on the needs of low-income groups, i.e. for example smallholder households or people in slum areas. We also support "pioneers of change", i.e., initiatives or NGOs that promote ecological and social transformation and thus create a new balance between rural and urban areas and advance food sovereignty, especially in the Global South.



What experience do we bring?

Ongoing Projects:

- Capacity Development Programme for Lecturers and Managers of Green Colleges (2022-2023, SLE/GIZ)
- Capacity Development for the Agricultural Training Institution Young Africa Agri-Tech, Mozambique (2020-2023, SLE/GIZ)
- Developing complementary training materials and delivering training of trainers on RuralInvest to contribute to the development of sustainable small scale - investments (2022-2023, SLE-FAO)

Completed Projects:

- Cooperation with Training Centres in Mali: Didaktische Beratung und Capacity Development für landwirtschaftliche Aus- und Weiterbildungszentren - SeWoH-Initiative „Grüne Innovationszentren des BMZ, Länderbeispiel Mali (2016-2022, SLE/GIZ)
- University Cooperation: Hochschulkooperationen in Mosambik zur Etablierung eines entwicklungsbezogenen Studienganges und zur Curricularentwicklung (Universität Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo) (2010-2018).
- University Cooperation: Kooperationen mit Universitäten in Kolumbien - Peru - Mexiko - zur Etablierung einer verstärkt praxisorientierten Forschungsmethodik in den Partner-Hochschulen (Universität von Manizales (UAM)/ Kolumbien, Nationaluniversität San Marcos/ Peru und Universität von Nayarit (UAN)/ Mexiko (2018-2021, SLE/DAAD)


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We accept enquiries for orders on an ongoing basis.

Please do not hesitate to call us.

We look forward to hearing more from you and about your proposals for cooperation projects!

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