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### INVITATION TO THE DIES CONFERENCE:

“FEMALE LEADERSHIP AND HIGHER EDUCATION MANAGEMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES”  
28 – 29 June 2017 in Bonn, Germany

Dear Sir or Madam,

on behalf of my head of section, Mr Michael Hörig, I would like to officially invite you to the international DIES Conference: “**Female Leadership and Higher Education management in developing countries**”, which will take place **28 – 29 June 2017 in Bonn, Germany**. This invitation is accompanied by the draft conference programme as well as the testimonials application form.

This conference aims at gathering about 100 representatives from higher education and research institutions worldwide, as well as from donor organisations, to identify barriers to gender equity in higher education management and to discuss good (and bad) practices from across the globe. It is organised in the frame of the “Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies (DIES)” programme, which is jointly conducted by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Rectors' Conference (HRK).

Leaders of higher education institutions play a crucial role in the development of their institutions and countries. By far more men than women are represented in leading positions. Gender equity in higher education management positions seems to be hard to achieve, due to a bundle of difficulties women face. Not only will the conference provide a platform for discussing practices, it will also contribute to developing adapted and useful measures for the DIES programme.

You are invited to apply for presenting your experiences and good/bad practices regarding gender equity promotion at the conference. The application form, attached to this e-mail, shall be sent directly to [chazotte@daad.de](mailto:chazotte@daad.de). **Application deadline is 31 March 2017.** The chosen testimonials will be published as part of the conference proceedings, while testimonial presenter's costs for international flight ticket (economy), local transportation, accommodation and meals during the conference will be covered by DAAD.

For further information on the logistical arrangements our agency MICHEL International Relations & Services will contact you directly. As soon as the testimonials selection procedure has been finalised, you will be provided with the Logistic Infokit 1 including the registration link and all relevant organizational details. For all logistic issues and questions please contact MICHEL International Relations & Services directly ([DAAD-Gender-conference2017@michel-irs.com](mailto:DAAD-Gender-conference2017@michel-irs.com)).

Should you have questions regarding the content of the programme, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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