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The International Center for Development and Decent Work (ICDD) of the University of Kassel is a global think tank which contributes to the fight against global hunger and poverty through research and education. It focuses on the United Nations Millennium Development Goal 1 target 2: **"Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people"**.

The ICDD is one of the five Centers of Excellence for Exchange and Development funded by the Federal Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation through the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

The Global Network

The core of the ICDD is an interdisciplinary network of seven universities on four continents. This network prepares experts at the Master's and Doctoral level. ICDD members at the University of Kassel belong to the faculties of Social Sciences and Organic Agricultural Sciences. The partner Universities are: Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Brazil), Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai (India), Egerton University in Njoro (Kenya), Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan in Merida (Mexico), University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (Pakistan) and the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg (South Africa). The network is supported by the International Labour Organization and by partners from Civil Society such as private foundations and Confederations of Trade Unions in Germany and in the partner countries.

International Master's Programmes

The ICDD offers scholarships to Master's students in order to attend the regular Master's programmes in Kassel and its partner institutions, such as the M.A. programme Labour Policies and Globalization and MSc programme Sustainable International Agriculture.

Graduate School of Socio-Ecological Research for Development

The ICDD's Graduate School awards PhD candidates competitive scholarships at all seven partner universities. The ICDD also offers joint workshops on research methods and theory. Funding is provided for fieldwork related to the PhD research.

Research on Decent Work

Rural poverty is especially severe. Rural regions of developing countries are home to more than one billion people who lack reliable access to food and employment: they earn their livelihoods under often harsh conditions. To identify effective development pathways, the ICDD's interdisciplinary and international network will develop social science and agricultural science projects within three research clusters:

- "Sustainable Value Creation for Decent Work"
- "Instruments for Promoting Decent Work"
- "Strategies of Empowerment for Decent Work"

Knowledge Transfer

The knowledge created by ICDD scholars will be disseminated through Annual Thematic Conferences, Alumni Applied Research Schools, Professional Transfer Schools, Travelling Seminars, a Decent Work Web Portal and Multi Channel Publications.

Ela-Bhatt Visiting Professorship

Every year the ICDD selects an outstanding researcher in the field of development and decent work as the Ela-Bhatt Visiting Professor.

Faculty Mobility

The ICDD offers international South-South, South-North and North-South faculty exchange for scholars of its network.



International Center for Development and Decent Work

GOAL

We seek to combat hunger and poverty through research and education concerning the topic „productive full employment and humane work for everybody“ „Eradicate Extreme Poverty & Hunger“, MDG 1 „Achieve Full and Productive Employment and Decent Work“, Target 2

STRATEGY

Knowledge creation, transfer & brokering

Three Research Clusters

Sustainable Value Creation for Decent Work

Instruments for Promoting Decent Work

Strategies of Empowerment for Decent Work

Academic Qualification at Different Levels

MA & MSc Thesis Research

Graduate School „Socio-Ecological Research for Development“

Post and Senior Scientist Research, Joint Workshops

Alumni Applied Research Schools

Knowledge Transfer to Policy Makers, Civil Society, Profession & Academia

The core of the project is the teaching by experts at seven universities in four different continents. Furthermore, the ICDD will offer education and a Decent Work Web Portal which has been created together with the International Labour Organization.

NETWORK

Agricultural and Social Sciences

Brazil
Universidade Estadual de Campinas

Civil society partners

Germany
University of Kassel

GLU
Global Labour University

ILO
International Labor Organization

India
Tata Institute of Social Sciences

Kenya
Egerton University

Mexico
Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán

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University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

South Africa
University of Witwatersrand