



Call for Application!

German-Namibian Exchange of Educators and Training in the field of Education for Sustainable Development

Together, Suni e.V. and the Light for the Children Foundation are implementing an exchange of educators and a training for educators from Germany and Namibia in the field of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) from 2024 to 2025. We are looking for motivated people who want to discover new things, learn more, and think outside the box.

Suni e.V.

www.suni-ev.de

Suni e.V. is a German-Namibian association that promotes intercultural exchange between young people from Germany and Namibia. Suni e.V. is registered as an ESD learning location in the German federal states of Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland.

Light for the Children Foundation, Namibia

www.lightforthechildren.com

The Light for the Children Foundation is a Namibian faith-based organisation to support children in eastern Namibia. The Foundation is based in Gobabis in Omaheke Region.

University of Trier, department Geography and its Didactics

www.uni-trier.de

The University of Trier is a state university in the Rhineland-Palatinate city of Trier. The department Geography and its Didactics trains future geography teachers.

When will the exchange programme and training in the field of Education for Sustainable Development take place?

The German-Namibian exchange program for educators starts for all participants in April 2024 and ends in July 2025.

The program starts with a weekend workshop from April 19th to April 21st in Germany and in Namibia. The first encounter will take place in Gobabis, Namibia from July 27th to August 18th. The encounter includes a seven-day training at the Namib Desert Environmental Education Trust and a job shadowing.

The German participants then spend a week at a Namibian educational institution and live with one of



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the Namibian participants. The encounter also includes project work in the field of ESD. German-Namibian teams will develop a project on UN Sustainable Development Goal 4 and will implement this project by May 2025. The follow-up workshop will be held from October 4th to October 6th and a preparation workshop will take place in February/March 2025 for the second encounter.

From April 11th to May 5th, 2025, the second encounter will take place in Trier, Germany. The second encounter includes a training with the University of Trier, Department of Geography and its didactics and a job shadowing for Namibian educators. The Namibian participants then spend a week at a German educational institution and live with one of the German participants. The encounter ends with project work in German-Namibian teams. A final workshop, the publication of the project results and an evaluation will take place for each group in July 2025.

Additionally, to the above-mentioned dates monthly online sessions and webinars will be held.

What is the goal of the exchange program?

The exchange program has three goals:

First, by bringing together German and Namibian educators, we contribute to intercultural exchange and enhance a different perspective on Germany and Namibia. Therefore, in the preparation and during the exchange, we will deal with topics such as equality, power, racism, colonial continuities, and the development of stereotypes. We will reflect ourselves, our way of live and our perspectives as educators.

Second, we address the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 4: Inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all. For this purpose, the German and Namibian educators will be trained in the field of Education for Sustainable Development with experts from Germany and from Namibia. You will gain insights into the other educational system, and you will work together on the implementation of a German-Namibian educational project. However, it is also important to transfer what you have learned into your own work, which is why all participants are expected to teach and apply Education for Sustainable Development during the programme.

Our third goal is learning from each other and becoming better educators. We want to discover new aspects of teaching and have fun together. We will discuss, present, play, learn, laugh, and sometimes go beyond our limits. Each participant will be involved in the planning and design of the programme to enrich the common exchange with methods, ideas, concepts, and games from their own everyday professional life.

What does the exchange programme and training offer me?

The exchange programme allows you to meet enthusiastic educators like yourself and work with them in a diverse team. You will not only receive a training by experts, but you will also have the chance to develop your own learning material and implement your ideas and visions. We offer you a unique experience in the field of education. We enable you to look beyond the horizon and gain formative life experiences. But the most important offer we have: Make new friends, expand your knowledge, and become a better educator!





How can I participate?

To participate you should either work as educators or be enrolled as a teacher training student. It is important that you have very good English language skills and high intercultural competences. You should be a team player and feel comfortable working in a diverse setting. A willingness to comply with country-specific laws and with child protection policies is a condition of participation for all. You should be willing to receive the required vaccinations for a visit to the other country, including the required Corona vaccinations. You should have a working smartphone and access to a mobile network.

Each participant must be comfortable to host a person from the other country for one week. Your guest will need their own safe place to sleep and access to a toilet and washing facilities. If you are unsure if your home is suitable, contact us. We will find a solution together. You must also agree to organize an internship at an educational institution for your visit. This may be your own workplace or another institution.

You must participate in the program on all the dates listed above. Partial participation is not possible.

What costs will incur?

The project costs are mainly funded by the German-African Youth Office's *Teams Up! Programme*. The Entwicklungspolitisches Landesnetzwerk Rheinland-Pfalz e.V., the State Chancellery Rhineland-Palatinate, Suni e.V. and the Light for the Children Foundation are some of the additional sponsors.

All accommodation, all travel costs during the encounters and workshops, all material costs and food costs will be covered. This includes the flights to Namibia and to Germany. All costs for the planned activities and project work during the programme will be covered as well.

For Namibian participants (only), visa costs, costs for the compilation of the necessary documents, travel insurance and travel costs for the visa interview at the German embassy in Windhoek are also covered. For German participants (only) the visa for the trip to Namibia is free of charge. Travel, liability insurance or international insurance for the trip to Namibia must be covered by the German participants themselves.

Each participant agrees to host and feed a guest from the other country for one week. There will be no reimbursement for this. Costs for passports are not covered. Other travel expenses such as pocket money, vaccinations, the fee for using public toilets, cell phone or Wi-Fi fees or costs for activities, that are not included in the program, will not be covered. Each participants agrees to become a member of Suni e.V. for the timeframe of the program. The minimum membership fee is 16 Euro or \$160.00 ND per year.





How can I apply?

Please send us a motivation letter and a resume including references via E-Mail. Please include a copy of your qualification as educator or your confirmation of enrolment in a teacher training course. The application deadline is 30th January 2024.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at any time.

Please send your documents

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