

### **DNRD - Required application documents**

- A 1-page letter of application (including a photo and passport copy).
- Curriculum vitae.
- Copies of the relevant academic certificates.
- Recommendation letters from two professors or supervisors.
- An abstract of the master's thesis.
- Letter of motivation: In the letter of motivation the student should refer to development and natural resource management issues (agenda) that he/she is most passionate about i.e. show the enthusiasm and understanding of the proposed research. Candidate students should further show that their technical knowledge and skills level is appropriate for the proposed research topic.
- A research proposal containing: (1) Introduction to the research topic and study region; (2) State of knowledge; (3) Potential knowledge gaps; (4) Objectives of the work (including a statement on how the proposed research will contribute to sustainable development outside the academic world); (5) Potential methods; (6) Field research plan (mentioning the potential challenges one may face conducting it); (7) Financial plan (needed materials, data, survey costs, field trips, etc.). The research proposal should be of no more than 6 pages, (1.5 -spaced, in 12 point font, standard margins).

### **Application conditions**

- Master degree or equivalent (obtained not more than 6 years ago)
- Citizenship of a DAC country according to the DAAD list
- TOEFL 550 points, IELTS band 6 or equivalent test, or previous enrolment in a master's program in English language
- Research topic in the areas of natural-, engineering-, social- and human sciences, have interdisciplinary components and application-oriented