

Post Doc Position (100% TVH-E 13, initially 01.10.2022 – 30.9.2024, likely extended until 30.09.2026)

DITSL is an independent private scientific institute and center of excellence for transdisciplinary research on development and transformation in social-ecological land use systems worldwide. DITSL conducts methodological, conceptual and applied research related to the SDGs, the promotion of food and income security, and the development of sustainable value chains in Africa, Asia and Latin America. DITSL's research seeks to enhance knowledge integration and co-creation with societal actors in agricultural and livestock food and cropping systems in highly heterogeneous and variable environments. Of particular interest are low external input systems that require knowledge-intensive management based on agroecological principles. DITSL applies actor-and activity-oriented approaches to integrate perspectives, interests, and capacities of societal actors and to jointly generate contextual knowledge and options for action to solve complex problems.

The **Post Doc** will **support DITSL's current international research collaborations** on
- (Post-)colonial transformation of cattle husbandry and breeding in Namibia (DFG),
- Co-designing digital technologies to improve rangeland livestock value chains (BMBF).

The **Post Doc's own research** will initially focus on the development of livestock farming and breeding strategies in Namibia during the colonial period from a socio-ecological, and an animal science perspective. This involves archive material, contemporary livestock related literature from late 19th / early 20th century, as well as own data collected using different interview techniques.

The **Post Doc** will conduct own research (desktop and field), co-facilitate transdisciplinary collaboration, co-supervise and facilitate PhD, and MSc field research predominantly in Africa (focus Kenya, Namibia), coordinate collaboration among science and practice partners in DITSL's international research programmes, support project administration, logistics and reporting, support DITSL's academic and professional training activities (lectures, seminars, workshops), and engage in DITSL's scientific and policy related networking. The PostDoc will also contribute to future project proposals.

Required qualifications:

- PhD in agricultural/livestock science, social ecology, social anthropology, human geography, or related fields, preferably with a solid foundation in animal husbandry & breeding,
- Experience in inter- and transdisciplinary research and exchange between different knowledge systems,
- Very good English communication and writing skills, preferably also German language skills.

Further advantageous skills:

- experience in project coordination,
- practical experience in participatory research,
- enthusiasm for collaboration with societal stakeholders at eye level and research at the boundaries of disciplines,
- experience in social science methodology and/or participatory action research.

The **PostDoc is expected to work** full time in DITSL's offices in **Witzenhausen**, Germany with travels to DITSL's international research sites.

Required application documents comprise a motivation letter, a CV and transcripts of records, previous job references. Please explain which aspects particularly spark your interest. Please send your application in one pdf file to research@ditsl.org.

Deadline extended: Review of applications and selection of candidates will start **as from August 15th 2022** and continue **until the position is filled**.