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Attention: Prof Norbert Jürgens

**SASSCAL: SOUTHERN AFRICAN SCIENCE SERVICE CENTRE FOR CLIMATE  
CHANGE AND ADAPTIVE LAND MANAGEMENT**

1. SASSCAL is an institution and a project jointly initiated by Namibia, Angola, Zambia, Botswana, South Africa and Germany. Namibia is the host country for the Regional Secretariat of SASSCAL integrating and archiving the regional data. SASSCAL has been adopted in Namibia by the whole cabinet with a lead role of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry.
2. SASSCAL will provide scientific knowledge for scientific services allowing adaptation in the fields of climate, water, forestry, agriculture, and biodiversity & wildlife.
3. SASSCAL is mainly funded by Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) for the period 2013-2016.
4. Permission and support is herewith granted to the University of Hamburg as the German part of the scientific coordination of SASSCAL and its German SASSCAL cooperation partners:
  - a. University of Hamburg – Biodiversity, Ecology & Evolution of Plants (BEE)
  - b. University of Bremen - Microbiology
  - c. Leibnitz University Hannover – Institute for Environmental Economics and World Trade
  - d. University of Hamburg – Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology
  - e. University of Hamburg – Biocentre Grindel Zoology
  - f. University of Hamburg – Institute of Soil Science

- g. Institute for Social-Ecological Research (ISOE)
  - h. University of Jena – Department of Geoinformatics, Hydrology and Modelling
  - i. University of Trier – Remote Sensing Department
  - j. University of Marburg – Institute for Co-operation in Developing Countries (ICDC)
  - k. German Aerospace Centre (DLR), Oberpfaffenhofen and Wuerzburg
  - l. German Meteorological Service (Offenbach (DWD)
  - m. Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources / Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe (BGR), Hannover
  - n. German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Culture, Braunschweig (DSMZ) (TFO partner of SASSCAL)
  - o. University of Giessen – Institute of Agricultural Policy and Market Research (TFO partner of SASSCAL)
5. It is trusted that the Ministry is regularly informed about your activities and is provided with access to the research results and related documentation when it becomes available. Furthermore, it is trusted that the envisaged research will provide constructive results that will be of benefit to the people of Namibia.

Yours sincerely,

  
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