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**„ Shared learning, shared research  
practice, shared knowledge,  
experiences and suggestions “**

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# University / International Relation Office's point of view



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## **1) What do Austrian universities expect**

**from cooperation with developing countries?**

**What are the benefits for both parties? What is special about development oriented research and training projects?**

## **2) Comparing different types of projects and regions - is there an exchange of experiences between different projects?**

## **3) Internationalization strategies of universities depending on third-party funds.**

# 1) What do Austrian universities expect from cooperation with developing countries?



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## Answers from the BOKU Point of view:

- a) International co-operation as *conditio sine qua non*
- b) Co-operation with Southern partners due to geographic focus of Internationalisation strategy and worldwide importance of BOKU's competence areas (agricultural and forestry sciences, water management, food science, landscape architecture...)
- c) Benefits: local knowledge; Internationalisation at home, Knowledge circulation across continents and societies; Tangible solutions to natural resource related development challenges through research

## 2) What is special about development oriented research and training projects

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### Special characteristics for BOKU projects:

- a) All our research / training responds to development challenges
- b) Despite the local nature of development challenges, they are seen in a global context;
- c) Our research / training cuts across disciplines and thematic areas;
- d) We always work in partnership with public and private actors in developing countries

## 2) What is special about development oriented projects

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### a) Different types of projects:

APPEAR (with Africa and Latin America and Himalaya region)

Alfa (with Latin America)

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### b) Interaction of different types of projects within BOKU:

\* Center for Development Research (constant dialogue with all stakeholders)

\* regular meetings of BOKU's APPEAR project coordinators

### 3) Internationalization strategies of universities depending on third-party funds



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- **The current “performance contracts” with the BMWF are not sufficient - third-party funds are needed**
- **Lack of scholarships for students coming from countries of the South aggravate the situation**
- **Particularly difficult for lab-intensive study programs**
- **-> Sponsors are needed!!! (also for language courses and intercultural workshops for both - Austrians as well as incomings)**

# Thank you for your attention!



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