



ANSA Conference - 2021

10 Years ANSA: Past, Presence and Future as a Network between Africa and Germany

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Abstract

In 2009, for the first time, former Germans DAAD scholarship holders who studied, researched, or worked in Africa were invited to network by the DAAD Department for Sub-Saharan Africa. The participants rapidly decided that African scholarship holders should also be present at the next meeting. In Autumn 2011, the “Alumni Netzwerk Subsahara Afrika”, known for short as ANSA e.V., was formally founded. Since then, the Association has regularly organized interdisciplinary conferences in which academics and other professionals come together, who would otherwise not necessarily meet. The connecting element: experiences in Africa and Germany - funded by the DAAD or PROMOS.

Together, ideas and project groups were born, magazines, photo exhibitions, regional meetings and more took place. There was always a mixture of continuity and exchange. Some driving forces remained; others quickly changed. Some topics were short-lived, others kept cropping up, like the question of sustainability or fairness in relation to the continents. The abbreviation ANSA (and the name “ANSAs” for our members) was retained, but the historically inherited “Sub-Saharan” in the name was dropped and the association is now called “Afrika Netzwerk für Studierende und Alumni”. This Association intends to continue to serve as a link between Germans and Africans in the multiple dimensions of cooperation. To this end, with this year's conference, ANSA intends to look back on its 10 years of participation in sociocultural, economic, and political relations between Africa and Germany, and from new projections in the present, look forward to a future of greater solidarity and fraternity between both peoples.

Thematic Focus

As part of this Anniversary Conference, we want to look back on a decade of ANSA history, see where we are currently and outline where we can go. At the same time, we want the topic of “past, present and future” to be understood as a Framework theme for our interdisciplinary contributions by ANSA members and other DAAD / PROMOS alumni / scholarship holders. Our questions for participant contributions, whether for humanities scholars, social or natural scientists, or even practitioners, are:

- Past: What has changed in your (scientific or professional) field in the last 10 years?
- Present: Where is the field located in the current reality of life for people in Africa and Germany?
- Future: How can we generate new ideas and actions to better serve the interaction between Africa and Germany?



Together we want to learn from the past, shape the present within our radius of action together, to contribute to a future worth living in. In key notes, experts will help to combine these three perspectives in a meaningful way. Through networking sessions, we want to initiate many small and large collaborations to take full advantage of the interdisciplinary nature of ANSA.

Prior to the Event

Personal Covid-19 testing: All participants confirm being negative with an antigen quick test within the last 24 hours before arrival at the venue. If tested positive, participants should not travel to the event. You should proactively try to cancel your tickets (e.g. Rückerstattung Deutsche Bahn) and inform the ANSA Orga Team.

Friday, 20 August 2021

From 1pm	Arrival and registration at accommodation Networking Activities
Afternoon	Coffee Break
5pm - 7pm	Cultural Activity
~ 7pm	Dinner

Saturday, 21 August 2021

8am	Breakfast
9am	Start & Welcome
9:30am	Looking back at 10 years of ANSA
10:00am	Keynote 1: Carla Dietzel (ANSA Founding Member)
10:45am	Coffee break
11:00am	Keynote 2
11:45am	Announcements & handing out of Corona tests
12pm	Lunch & Covid-19 testing with antigen quick tests
1:15pm	Energizer
1:30pm	Keynote 3



2:15pm	Panel Discussion
3:15pm	Coffee Break
3:45pm	Participants Input - Slot 1 (connected to main topic)
4:45pm	Coffee break
5:00pm	Participants Input - Slot 2 (connected to main topic)
6:00pm	Closing remarks
6:30pm	End of conference part 1
7:00pm	African Dinner
8:00pm	Joint Evening Activity (<i>fun</i> :))

Sunday, 22 August 2021

8:00am	Breakfast & Check-out from the rooms
9:00am	Announcements
9:15am	Members assembly (including motions)
	Board election
11:30am	Coffee Break
12:00pm	Announcing results of election & motions Wrap up / Networking Activity
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	What is ahead for ANSA? Closing remarks
3:00pm	Optional: Gatherings of Working Groups (ANSA Insights, Conference, Media & Livestreaming, Networking, ...) Optional: Gathering of new ANSA board
4:00pm	End of the event (participants departure)