

## African Excellence Initiative: Pro-RUWA - Invitation to join the kick-off event

Time: Wednesday, 28 July 2021, 16.00 (CET)

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The West African-German network „**Promoting Academic Capacities for Sustainable Agricultural Resources Use in West Africa**“ - **Pro-RUWA** (Ruwa means „water“ in Hausa language) is one of the two newly establishing African Excellence initiative networks supported by the Federal Foreign Office, monitored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), and jointly developed across three African countries and Germany.

**Pro-RUWA** aims to train a new generation of regionally and internationally educated young scientists, entrepreneurs, and administrators. Future decision makers in francophone West Africa will be capacitated to jointly overcome bottlenecks in resource overuse and food insecurity at the national and regional level by fostering university education, international relations, regional development, and operational links between the academic, public and private sector. **Pro-RUWA** builds on existing structures of three young universities in West Africa that have recently decided to overcome the language barriers and internationalize their graduate education.

### Program of the meeting

<b>KICK-OFF: live</b> Chair: Martin Wiehle
<b>Welcome note by UNB Rector - 5 min</b>
<b>Welcome note by DAAD African Excellence initiative representative</b> Dorothee Weyler - 10 min
<b>Introduction of partner Université d'Abomey Calavi - 10 min</b>
<b>Introduction of partner Université Abdou Moumouni de Niamey - 10 min</b>
<b>Keynotes on resources use/education in the African context</b> WASCAL: Daouda Koné - 10 min
<b>Keynotes on Pro-RUWA - A capacity and research network: rationals, approaches, and goals</b> Eva Schlecht, Andreas Bürkert, Christoph Gomott - 15 min