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The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) in Brief

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) is one of the leading Think Tanks for development policy world-wide. It is based in the UN City of Bonn. DIE builds bridges between theory and practice and works within international research networks. The key to DIE's success is its institutional independence, which is guaranteed by the Institute's founding statute. Since its founding in 1964, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) has based its work on the interplay between Research, Consulting and Training.

The Institute's Postgraduate Training Programme is concentrated on courses dedicated to development-related themes and issues bound up with shaping the process of globalisation as well as with improving trainee communicative and social skills. The cornerstone of the Postgraduate Training Programme – field research carried out by small interdisciplinary groups in a developing country – serves to provide trainees with an opportunity to gain practical experience with what they have learned by participating in concrete consulting-oriented research projects. Once they have completed the Postgraduate Training Programme, the graduates find career opportunities with development organisations in Germany and abroad.

In addition to the Postgraduate Training Programme, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) offers Young Professionals from selected partner countries of Germany's international cooperation the participation in the Global Governance School. The highly qualified participants from Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Pakistan and South Africa work in governments, Ministries, Universities, policy-orientated Think Tanks or research institutions. The Training and Dialogue Programme of the Global Governance School is the practice- and research-oriented component of the Managing Global Governance-Programme, implemented jointly by the German Development Institute and InWEnt. This unique exchange and learning opportunity supports the creation of a sustainable, equitable and effective global governance architecture.

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik is headed by Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner (Director). At present, the Institute has a staff of 100, more than two-thirds of whom are researchers.

DIE's work is focused on the following key issues:

- Poverty reduction strategies – pro-poor growth;
- Locational policy – innovation systems – knowledgebased economy – low-carbon development; challenges for developing countries;
- Democratisation – institution-building – good governance;
- Shaping the framework conditions of the world economy with the aim of fostering sustainable development;
- Development policy's contribution to security policy;
- Global Governance and development policy: Climate change and development – further development of the world economic system – state failure – global power shifts
- The future of the international system of development policy.

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DIE Publication Series:

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) has three independent publication series, where DIE researchers can publish their current research findings. External research fellows may also publish their research results in one of the DIE publication series.

The DIE publications address different target groups:

The **Briefing Paper** (in German: "Analysen und Stellungnahmen") are always four pages long. Its target are journalists and policy decision makers in the field of development policy and all those who quickly wish to receive research findings on current development policy issues.

The **Discussion Paper** are short research papers, which are directed at different research target groups. These papers deal in general with concrete and stringently collected topics. They often discuss interim findings on research projects, theses, evaluation and political reports.

The **Studies** deal with regional and specific research topics. All DIE Studies have an empirical approach, often using case studies. These studies are therefore especially important for professionals working in the field of development cooperation because they offer hands-on know-how based on research.

The DIE contributes to Nomos' book series "**Development Theory and Development Policy**", which covers general research issues on fundamental development policy. The topics are of a broad range and with reference to empirical and development theory. Furthermore, the researchers of the DIE publish their research findings permanently in relevant German and international journals and at other publishers such as Springer and Routledge.

The Current Column: Every Monday, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) comments the latest news and trends of development policy in *The Current Column* on its website. The weekly Current Column is also being published by ZEIT ONLINE and Deutsche Welle.

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