

## CALL FOR APPLICATION

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### REMENA Autumn Academy on Sustainability and Resource Security in the EU and MENA region

October 19 to 29, 2018, Otzenhausen - Germany

#### Program Overview

Organiser:	Konrad Adenauer Stiftung - REMENA (Regional Program Energy Security and Climate Change Middle East and North Africa), based in Rabat, Morocco Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen
Training:	Capacity building training in matters of sustainability and resource security and policy development for MENA and Turkish young leaders
Application Deadline:	April 27, 2018, 12:00 pm, time zone: WEST
Eligibility:	This training is open to any MENA and Turkish university student, holding at least a Bachelor's degree, and early career professional, aged 30-years maximum, who are nationals of any MENA countries or Turkey
Venue:	October 19 to 29, 2018, Otzenhausen – Germany, (including day site visits to Energy Landscape Morbach, Daun Water Treatment Plant, cities of Freiburg, Schönau and Saarbrücken)
Cost:	All the participation cost (round trip economic flight ticket, hotel and food, visa fees) for the Academy will be covered for the selected candidates by the organisers

## Forum Theme & Objectives

### Context:

All over the MENA region, the availability of resources is an urgent issue that affects everyone in one way or another. The limitation of e.g. water resources or fossil fuels in the region has become tangible for its population in a variety of ways:

- Decreasing surface and groundwater due to unsustainable use and lack of replenishment caused by lack of rainfall and ongoing desertification in a world with rising temperatures;
- Inefficient use of water in agriculture, industry, tourism and other economic sectors;
- Cross national conflicts on water resources that lead to limited access or even exclusion from water supply for parts of the population;
- Decline and vast exploitation of non-renewable energy sources affect their availability and the costs of energy supply;
- The rise of world's population limits the availability of natural resources additionally as the use of resources increases worldwide with a rising population;
- The elimination of agricultural areas through the ongoing climate change and related to this the inhabitability of certain regions forces more people to move;
- The increasing number of vehicles all around the world leads to rising CO2 emissions especially in the big cities and is an urgent matter for future urban planning.

Experts from Academia, Civil Society and to a certain degree also some decision makers in public and private sector are already aware of these challenges and are trying to find sustainable solutions for these and many other pressing issues related to resource security in the Arab World, one of the regions worldwide which will be mostly affected by climate change. The consequences of ongoing climate change will aggravate the current situation of resource availability even more in the coming years and decades. Therefore, the awareness of both the threats and successful endeavours of finding feasible solutions for these, assuring on the long run a sustainable societal and economic development, should be raised in the public opinion as well as among the majority of decision makers in both the public and the private sphere. Therefore, the youth in the Arab region need to enhance their knowledge that would enable them to take part in the debates over the sustainable and security potentials and limitations of these sectors at policy and decision making levels.

The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung - REMENA (Regional Program Energy Security and Climate Change Middle East and North Africa) in Rabat will bring together 25 young leaders from various countries within the MENA region and Turkey for a 10 days capacity building training. The training aims at

- Gaining an insight into the German handling of the key topics energy, water, mobility, digitalization and urban planning as well as
- Fostering their knowledge about the possibilities of cross-border cooperation in the energy and water sector for addressing current challenges and
- Campaigning for sustainable solutions linked to Energy, Water, Mobility and Digitalization as well as Urban Planning within the MENA region from the perspective of the youth.

The training will be conducted by a pool of regional and international experts from the private and public sector and several research institutions.

**Themes:**

The REMENA Autumn Academy on Sustainability and Resource Security in the EU and MENA region, accordingly, aims at providing the MENA youth a platform for building capacities while addressing pressing questions of:

- 1) Potentials and limitations of sustainable solutions in relation to resource security;
- 2) The role of the youth in addressing the obstacles and avenues of further development of sustainable solutions in the MENA region;
- 3) Pending and potential cross regional cooperation in matters of sustainability and resource security.

**Structure:**

The REMENA Autumn Academy comprises 4 main components:

- 1) Training sessions and discussions with experts from the EU and the MENA region;
- 2) Capacity building training on cross-border cooperation in the energy and water sector as well as a deeper insight in the German handling of the key topics;
- 3) Field visits to the Energy Landscape Morbach, the Daun Water Treatment Plant, the cities of Freiburg, Schönau and Saarbrücken;
- 4) Development of presentations on sustainable solutions in relation to resource security from the youths' Perspectives in the MENA region and optional producing a policy paper as follow up of the Academy.

**Outputs:**

- 1) Advocating the significant value of sustainable use of resources especially in regard of the regional geopolitical stability in the MENA region among the youth;
- 2) Up-scaling youth's leadership capacities with regards to the topic of sustainability and resource security, and bridging new venues for future collaboration among young leaders from the region in matters of sustainability and resource security;
- 3) Developing presentations on sustainable solutions in relation to resource security from the youths' Perspectives in the MENA region and optional producing a position paper following the Academy.

**Venue:**

The Autumn Academy lasts 10 days (October 19 to 29, 2018) and takes place in the town of Otzenhausen (Germany) with day field visits to Energy Landscape Morbach, Daun Water Treatment Plant, cities of Freiburg, Schönau and Saarbrücken.

**Eligibility:**

The Autumn Academy invites university students, holding at least a Bachelor's degree, and early career professional that meet the following criteria:

- 1) You are born and/or residing in any of the MENA countries or Turkey;
- 2) Are currently enrolled in any public or private university within the MENA region or Turkey or already graduated;
- 3) Have an educational or professional knowledge in the fields of MENA regional Politics, Economy and/or Social Sciences and/or Natural Science and/or related fields; knowledge in Sustainability and Resource Security is a plus;
- 4) Your research interests are related to the Autumn Academy theme;
- 5) Your English proficiency is in an advanced level.

**Working Language:**

The Autumn Academy language is English, applicants need to be proficient.

**How to Apply:**

Fill in the online application form and attach your CV, at this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/O7yZv4usATo7I5DX2>

If you have any problem submitting the attachment, you can simply fill in the online application and email your attachment with your full name to: [info.remena@kas.de](mailto:info.remena@kas.de)

**Deadlines:**

- Application Deadline: April 27, 2018, 12:00 pm, time zone: WEST
- Selected candidates notification: May 15, 2018
- Forum Date: October 19 to 29, 2018

**Costs:**

The training organisers will cover all academy related costs (round trip economic flight ticket, hotel and food, visa fees) for the selected candidates.

**Further Information:**

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