

Scholarship Allocation Proposal for 2017

Scholarship attribution basic principles – Specialization programme

1. Priority will be given to candidates countries who have not received scholarships in the previous long-term scholarship programme.
2. The long-term objective is to arrive to three people trained per country with low capacity in agricultural statistics, two people trained per country with medium capacity in agricultural statistics, and one person trained per country with adequate capacity in agricultural statistics. Long-term scholarships already provided will be considered in the balance. The classification of countries will be based on a table that will be built from AfDB country assessment report and that will be made public. The table that gives the final number of proposed sponsored persons per country, taking into account all factors mentioned above, will also be produced and made public.
3. Both the national statistical institute, the unit producing agricultural statistics in the ministry of agriculture should be informed of the beginning of the selection process, the number of scholarships given to the country and the selection criteria.
4. The nomination should come from the agency coordinating agricultural statistics production in the country, as per the NSDS or the statistical act.
5. The nominees have to pass the selection criteria of the school. They can give their preference as for in which school they want to be trained provided these schools are in the programme. But the program does not guarantee their acceptance in their preferred school.
6. Country can nominate students already studying in statistical school so that they take their specialization year in agricultural statistics in case these students are professionals already in contract with the agency producing agricultural statistics, and that they will go and work in the agency after they finish studying.
7. Three commitments are needed: from the nominee, from the employing agency and from the school in order for the funds to be approved for training a given nominee.

Allocation Criteria

8. Countries which have benefited from the first round have been excluded in this round of allocation.
9. The base of decision for allocation is the result of the latest Country Assessment grouping based on Agricultural Statistics Capacity Index-ASCI as shown below:

Table 12 Country groupings by Composite ASCI

Group A	Guinea-Bissau and Libya
Group B	Angola, Chad, Madagascar, Equatorial Guinea, Comoros, Somalia, DRC, Zimbabwe, Congo Republic, Seychelles, Guinea, Burundi, South Sudan, Sudan, Djibouti, Gabon, and Gambia
Group C	Swaziland, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, São Tomé and Príncipe, Mauritania, Liberia, Algeria, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Mali, Benin, Malawi, Senegal, Tanzania, Morocco, Nigeria, Lesotho, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Tunisia, and Burkina Faso
Group D	Botswana, Mauritius, Uganda, Rwanda, Egypt, Namibia, Ghana, South Africa, and Ethiopia
Group E	–

10. The ultimate goal of the scholarship allocation envisages to provide at least 3 spots per country until the end of the Training Component activities in 2018.
11. Out of the countries have not received any spots in the first round the ones in the categories of A, B and C have been given priority in allocation. In addition, the countries in A and B have been given the majority of the spots.
12. Since EAST has already done their communication and choice of countries in advance, there are some countries in group D which have received spots. However, EASTC has ensured to select all countries which have not received any quota in the first round.
13. Countries marked by Yellow color indicate those countries in the Lusophone group for which another long term scholarship arrangement needs to be made because of the language factors.

As a result, the following countries and their language group have been selected accordingly:

Anglophone Countries: Somalia (1), Zimbabwe (1), Liberia (1), Libya (1), The Gambia (1), Sudan (2), Botswana (1), Kenya (1), Namibia (1), Swaziland (1), Zambia (1), Malawi (1), Uganda (1),

Francophone Countries: Djibouti (2), Guinea Republic (2), Congo (2), Burundi (2), Cameroun (1), Cote d'Ivoire (1), Guinee (2), DRC (2), Seychelles (2), Chad (1), Togo (1), Gabon (2), Mauritania (1), Benin (1), Morocco (1), Senegal (2), Tunisia (1)

A total of 40 Spots have been allocated.

Countries	Number of Students								Country Total	Objective 3/Count	ASCI Grouping	Allocation 2017
	2012-2013	STC	2014	2015	STC	2016	2017	STC				
Group A												
Somalia									0	E	B	1
Zimbabwe							1	EASTC	1	E	B	1
Liberia							1	EASTC	1	E	C	1
Libya									0	E	A	1
Sierra Leone					2	EASTC			2	E	C	
Comoroes		3	ENSEA (1) ENSAE (2)						3	F	B	
Djibouti									0	F	B	2
Central African Republic/CAR									0		No Data	
Sao Tome and Principe									0	F	C	
Guinea Bissau									0	PO	A	
Guinea Republic									0	F	B	2
Congo									0	F	B	2
Group B												
Angola									0	PO	B	
Eritrea									0		No Data	
Gambia							1	EASTC	1	E	B	1
Sudan									0	E	B	2
South Sudan					2	EASTC			2	E	B	
Burundi									0	F	B	2
Cameroun									0	F/E	C	1
Cote D'Ivoire									0	F	C	1
Guinee									0	F	B	2
Congo -DRC									0	F	B	2
Sychelles									0	F	B	2
Tchad									0	F	B	1
Togo									0	F	C	1
Group C												
Botswana							1	EASTC	1	E	D	1
Ghana		3	EASTC						3	E	D	
Kenya							1	EASTC	1	E	C	1
Namibia							1	EASTC	1	E	D	1
Rwanda									0	E/F	D	
Swaziland							1	EASTC	1	E	C	1
Tanzania		4	EASTC						4	E	C	
Zambia							1	EASTC	1	E	C	1
Cape Verde									0	PO	C	
Gabon									0	F	B	2
Madagascar		3	ENSEA (1)						3	F	B	
Mauritania									0	F	C	1
Group D												
South Africa									0	E	D	
Egypt									0	E	D	
Ethiopia		4	EASTC		1	EASTC			5	E	D	
Lesotho						2	EASTC		2	E	C	
Malawi							1	EASTC	1	E	C	1
Mozambique									0	PO	C	
Nigeria		4	EASTC		1	EASTC			5	E	C	
Uganda							1	EASTC	1	E	D	1
Algeria									0	F	C	
Benin									0	F	C	1
Burkina Faso		4	ENSEA (1), ENSAE (2), ISSAE (1)						4	F	C	
Mali		3	ENSAE						3	F	C	
Morocco									0	F	C	1
Mauritius									0	F	D	
Niger		3	ENSEA (2) ENSAE (1)						3	F	C	
Senegal									0	F	C	2
Tunisia									0	F	C	1
Total	31	2	6	0	10	0	49	Total Available 2017	40			

Figure 1 Allocation of scholarship spots per country. Provisions depend highly on availability of resources

Allocation per STC

The allocation of Spots per STCs is based on balancing the disbursement between Anglophone and Francophone countries. As a result, almost 1/3 of the spots have been provide for EASTC as the only Anglophone training center. The remaining have been distributed to the Francophone STCs as follows:

ENSAE Dakar: Maximum of 10

ENSEA Abidjan: Maximum of 10

ISSAE -Yaoundé: Maximum of 10

EASTC has already enrolled and effected its intake as of this week for the first batch of 10 students. They shall receive additional three to commence from mid-academic year and based on an amended scholarship MOU agreement to be prepared. The additional countries to be assigned in EASTC are Somalia (1 out of 2 spots), Gambia (1) and Sudan (1 out of 2 spots).

According to a meeting with the Director of ENSEA-Abidjan, the three Francophone STCShave entered an agreement to harmonize their specialization study intakes an also ensure the allocation of countries between themselves does take in to consideration criteria set by ECA and to avoid overlaps in servicing of countries.

The allocation per center is therefore as follows:

Scholarship Allocation Academic Year 2017			As at 09 Mar 2017	
Center	Number of students	Additional	New Balance	Percentage
EASTC	10	3	13	32.5
ENSEA	9	0	10	25
ENSAE	9	0	9	22.5
ISSEA	9	0	8	20
Total	37		40	
Planned	40		40	
Balance	3		0	

Figure 2 Allocation of scholarship spots per centre. Provisions depend highly on availability of resources.