



Joint African Masters Programme in Comparative Local Development (JAMP)



Call for Applications Academic Cycle 2012/2014

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1. JAMP – JOINT AFRICAN MASTERS PROGRAMME IN COMPARATIVE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

The Polytechnic of Namibia (Namibia), the University of Trento (Italy), the Universidade São Tomás de Moçambique (Mozambique) and Tshwane University of Technology (South Africa) offer **24 months** (240 credits in Namibia and South Africa; 120 ECTS in Europe; 300 credits in Mozambique) of training for a post-graduate Masters course degree. The main objective of the Joint African Masters Programme in Comparative Local development (JAMP) is to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and skills for introducing, supporting and co-ordinating processes of change and transformation at the local level. The focus of the programme is local development, with the following characteristics: public, private and non-governmental actors are the fundamental agents; social stability and economic prosperity are pursued, in conformity with the African and European standards and best practice. The approach is comparative and interdisciplinary.

Schedule

<i>Deadline for submitting the application documentation</i>	<i>October 15, 2011</i>
<i>Feedback on the selection of participants</i>	<i>October 31, 2011</i>
<i>Commencement of Programme</i>	<i>February 22, 2012</i>
<i>JAMP Graduation Ceremony</i>	<i>Pretoria, February 2014</i>

JAMP is an international programme, which will, in the third cycle, be taught at the Tshwane University of Technology, the Polytechnic of Namibia and the University of Trento. Lectures, laboratories, guest lectures, internship, language courses and dissertation will take place according to a schedule that will be communicated to the selected students no later than December 15, 2011.

2. MASTERS PROGRAMME

English is the general working language of the programme.

- I. An **Induction course** (3 weeks) of the Masters programme will be organised. The first week will include introductory lectures in all disciplines and provide information on organisational matters. A set of suggested readings will be given to students after the introductory course in order to allow them to catch up with the most important topics. The second and third weeks will include lectures and seminars on research methodology. The Induction course requires physical presence.
- II. In order to make participation more efficient from the beginning and to lay the foundations for an inter-disciplinary approach, within the **Pre-programme** the participants will be required to study some basic topics in the three main disciplines (economics, law, sociology).
- III. **Lectures** are structured in 9 courses (of 34 hours each) on the following subjects:
 1. Economic approaches to local development
 2. Legal approaches to local development
 3. Socio-political approaches to local development
 4. Financial aspects of local development
 5. Regional integration and multi-level governance
 6. Local development and entrepreneurship policies
 7. Management of diversities in societies
 8. Sustainable local development
 9. Project Management

Besides lectures each course will include workshops and guest lectures. **Workshops** (100 hours) aim at analysing successful experiences of local development and “co-habitation” from an interdisciplinary and intercultural perspective. Some workshops will be conducted by external experts in the field.

Lectures will be supplemented by:

- IV. **Internships** (350 hours) in qualified organisations (institutions of local and regional government, public/private partnerships, decentralised administrations of national government, industrial districts, trans-border co-operation-projects, policies for enterprises and local development, services to enterprises, local banks, NGOs active at local level or for the promotion of local development) located in the countries of the partner universities or in international organisations. Working experience will be taken into consideration when determining the internship programme.
- V. **On-line teaching** will be used for further analysis of the topics treated during the lectures.
- VI. **Dissertation:** analysis, research and experience aimed at the elaboration of an original and innovative project for local development in areas in transformation. The evaluation of the dissertation (a written scientific report on a research project) is an important part of the total evaluation of participants' work and a participant cannot be awarded the degree without receiving a pass evaluation.
- VII. **Discussion groups:** in order to stimulate active participation, students are required to present and discuss the work done in the Masters Programme, with particular reference to their dissertation.

3. DEGREE CONFERRED

Upon the successful completion of all master activities, the Academic Authorities of the organising institutions will award the Joint Degree "Joint African Master in Comparative Local Development", which corresponds to the following, in each of the partner countries:

- Italy: 1 level Masters Degree according to the DM 509/99 art. 3, comma 9 and subsequent modifications;
- Namibia: Masters Degree;
- South Africa: M Tech: Comparative Local Development at NQF Level 8.
- Mozambique: MA Comparative Local Development

4. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for the programme candidates have to comply with the following requirements:

1. A university degree allowing access to second cycle (Master's) university degree programmes, equivalent to:
 - European Union: 180 ECTS;
 - Mozambique: 600 credits;
 - Namibia: four-year Bachelor degree with a research component or an equivalent qualification as approved by Senate in Namibia.
 - South Africa: 480 credits;The degree should be preferably in economics, management, law, political science, sociology, public administration and management or an equivalent qualification;
2. Good knowledge the English language. This knowledge is considered ascertained if the degree teaching medium was English. Otherwise it has to be proved by a paper-based TOEFL test score of 550, a level B of FCE or an equivalent qualification;
3. Submission of a research proposal; and
4. Congruence of experience and motivation with the nature of the local comparative development programme.

5. TUITION AND OTHER FEES

Tuition and fees for participants amount to **50,000 South African Rand (ZAR)**. To the fees the students have to add the amount required for travel and accommodation for the terms in Namibia and Italy. Students will be provided with access to all facilities of the participating universities such as library, computers, e-mail and Internet, sport facilities as well as to the universities' cafeterias and restaurants at student rates.

Scholarships covering part of the tuition costs may become available to students.

A non-refundable application fee of 1,500 ZAR will be payable when sending the application form.

6. HOW TO APPLY

The application requires that candidates fill in and send the application form and related documentation:

The **application documents** must be submitted **BOTH in electronic form AND in hard copy with original signature** to the Organisational Director (see contact details below) by **October 15, 2011**.

The documents to be submitted, using, where relevant, the forms available online, are:

- a. The complete application form;
- b. Validated authenticated academic record;
- c. An updated Curriculum Vitae;
- d. Two letters of reference, by qualified academic referees. Each reference form must be completed and signed by the referee and submitted in an official envelope which has been sealed and signed on the flap by the referee. These must be returned to you signed and sealed to be mailed in your application package. References are confidential and the envelopes **must not be opened**;
- e. The research proposal.

Please note: **Incomplete documentation will not be taken into consideration.**

7. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Academic Director, Prof. Mario Scerri, Tshwane University of Technology
Scientific Coordinator, Prof. Bruno Dallago, Università degli Studi di Trento
Adjunct Academic Director, Prof. Italo Trevisan, Università degli Studi di Trento
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Two members, Polytechnic of Namibia
Two members, Università degli Studi di Trento
Two members, Universidade São Tomás de Moçambique
Two members, Tshwane University of Technology

8. DEADLINE

- October 15, 2011 for the Application (form and required documentation); date of postmark.

9. CONTACTS

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