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IAMO is a foundation under public law. Since its foundation in 1994, the institute has been part of the Leibniz Association, a German community of independent research institutes. In addition, IAMO is a founding member of:

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Information about IAMO

The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) analyses economic, social and political processes of change in the agricultural and food sector, as well as in rural areas. The geographic focus covers the enlarging EU, transition regions of Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe, as well as Central and Eastern Asia.

Research domains

IAMO is an international institute that pursues basic and applied research in the field of agricultural economics. It analyses the political, external environment of agriculture and its scope of design, the agricultural and food sector markets, and the structural development of enterprises in rural areas. Moreover, it embraces the interdependencies of market processes, managerial decisions and policies on the environment and rural areas. Research activities of the institute are grouped to five research domains:

- Policies and institutions
- Natural resource use
- Livelihoods in rural areas
- Organization of agriculture
- Agricultural value chains

Scientific exchange

The institute is distributing its research outcomes to the international academic community as well as to decision-makers in politics and business, international organisations and the public. It acts as a forum of exchange, thereby promoting collaborative research at an international level, and dialogue between leaders from the academic world, politics and business. Considering the new and immense challenges ahead, science-based policy advice is becoming an increasingly important factor in the institute’s work.

Other than international conferences, seminars and workshops, the annual IAMO Forum is an important platform of scientific exchange.

Promotion of young researchers

Among the institute’s core tasks is also the qualification of academic scholars from Germany and abroad. A particular focus lies on the promotion of scientists from study regions. IAMO supports PhD and postdoctoral studies and hands out thesis topics for Master’s or Bachelor’s degrees. IAMO Graduate School provides PhD students with systematic support and training. Visiting stays at IAMO and research visits of IAMO doctoral candidates and postdocs at overseas research centres enhance profiling younger scientists.

IAMO’s work is closely linked to the Institute of Agricultural and Nutritional Sciences and the Economics Department of Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, for instance by teaching and within the scope of the ScienceCampus Halle.