



## 1 Overview

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Date and time: November 27<sup>th</sup>–December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
 8:30–12:00 (classes)  
 13:30–16:30 (coaching)

Place: Room CAES 06  
 College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences  
 Haramaya University, Ethiopia



## 2 Description

In this course you will learn some applications of **R** on handling and analysing **GIS** data. It will implement a quick introduction to R syntax, the work with vector data imported from ESRI shapefiles, GPX and KML files, the work with raster data sets as well as export and transformation among those formats. An overview on display of data (e.g. to prepare figures for publications) will be provided, as well.

## 3 Potential Candidates

This activity is offered for PhD students and researchers working in geography, ecology, environmental sciences and other associated areas. Some previous experience working with R will be desirable. The maximum number of participants will be 25.

## 4 Requirements

Participants of the training have to carry an own Laptop with a installation of the operative system **Windows 7** or higher as well as **Microsoft Office**. Personal data sets and analysis projects can be also discussed with the trainers during the coaching sessions.

## 5 Intended Schedule

27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Introduction to the course Software installation R syntax and R objects Data import and export
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mathematical and logical operations Statistics Basics on R plots Functions and loops
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Spatial vector data Import and export of spatial vectors Data handling and creation
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Raster files Import and export of raster data sets Raster calculations
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Raster files and modelling Plotting all together Course closure

## 6 Supporting Institutions

This workshop is organised as part of the activities in the context of the **ARBONETH** project (The Ethiopian Arboretum Network, <http://www.arboneth.com/>), which is founded by the **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)** and the **Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**.

The partner institutions directly involved in the organization of this course are the **University of Bonn** (<https://www.uni-bonn.de>), the **Haramaya University** (<http://www.haramaya.edu.et>), and the **University of Hamburg** (<https://www.uni-hamburg.de>).



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## 8 Links

R project: <https://www.r-project.org>

RStudio (Editor): <https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio>

R project: <https://www.r-project.org>

Quantum GIS: <http://www.qgis.org/en/site>

Google Earth: <https://www.google.com/intl/en/earth>

Color Chart: <http://research.stowers-institute.org/efg/R/Color/Chart>

R Graphic Gallery: <http://research.stowers-institute.org/efg/R>

R Reference Card: <http://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Short-refcard.pdf>

R Reference Card for Data Mining: <http://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/YanchangZhao-refcard-data-mining.pdf>