1 Overview

Trainers:	Miguel Alvarez and Solomon Estifanos
Date and time:	November 27th–December 1st, 2017 8:30–12:00 (classes) 13:30–16:30 (coaching)
Place:	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 herewith 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 desiderable. The maximum number of participants will be 25.

This activity is organized by the ARBONETH project and members of its network will have the priority.

4 Requirements

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

5 Intended Schedule

27th Nov	Introduction to the course
	Software installation
	R syntax and R objects
	Data import and export
28th Nov	Mathematical and logical operations
	Statistics
	Basics on R plots
	Functions and loops
29th Nov	Spatial vector data
	Import and export of spatial vectors
	Data handling and creation
30th Nov	Raster files
	Import and export of raster data sets
	Raster calculations
1st 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 Project, 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

Software homepage: https://www.r-project.org

RStudio (Editor): http://www.rstudio.com/ide/download/

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-m pdf