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To: Focal Points of the NAM S&T Centre in its Member Countries;
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Scientists and Science Administrators in Developing Countries
Cc: ZMT, Bremen, Germany

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SUBJECT: "JOINT NAM S&T CENTRE - ZMT BREMEN (GERMANY) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME ON BLUE ECONOMY IN TROPICAL COASTAL MARINE RESEARCH"

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2026

The Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre; www.namstct.org) is pleased to invite applications from suitable candidates for the **"Joint NAM S&T Centre - ZMT Bremen (Germany) Fellowship Programme on Blue Economy in Tropical Coastal Marine Research - 2026"**.

This Fellowship Programme was initiated in January 2008 for the affiliation of scientists from developing countries with the *Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), Bremen, Germany* [www.leibniz-zmt.de] for a period of up to 3 months to work with its senior researchers and Faculty Members for upgrading research skills in the fields related to Ecology, Biogeochemistry, Geology, Theoretical Ecology and Modelling, Social Sciences and Tropical Coastal Marine Systems, and undertaking short-term joint Research Projects at ZMT, Bremen. At ZMT, research is carried out in five thematic, interdisciplinary program areas (see more information [here](#)).

Proposals in the area of '**Blue Economy**' are highly encouraged in order to strengthen research toward sustainable solutions. Depending on the research topic, the selected scientists can also benefit from the ZMT's association with Bremen University and other well-established marine research institutes in Bremen.

The Fellowship will be awarded to the scientists **only from the Member Countries of the NAM S&T Centre and NAM S&T-Industry Network Members** and only one scientist may be selected from a particular Country/Network Member. The NAM S&T Centre sponsors up to five scientists each year for the fellowship. While the Centre will cover the international airfare of the selected scientists from its eligible Member Countries and Network Members, ZMT will provide them a monthly subsistence allowance of 1250 Euros to meet the accommodation and other expenses in Bremen. *The NAM S&T Centre will sponsor International Airfare of applicants selected from the Member Countries and S&T-Industry Network Members who have paid all Membership dues to the Centre till date.*

Application recommended by the parent institution of the applicant and endorsed by the Focal Point of the NAM S&T Centre in the country/organization of the applicant may be submitted to the Centre by e-mail in the relevant format. A proposal on the scientific work to be carried out at ZMT, Bremen must be attached with the application. To prepare the proposal, applicants may carefully study the material available on the website of ZMT [www.leibniz-zmt.de] and get in touch with the respective Scientific Work Group Leader (can also be a Senior Scientist or the Scientific Director) at ZMT for scientific questions or via the **E-mail: nam.fellows@leibniz-zmt.de** for administrative queries. Please articulate your research interest in the topic, competences you could bring in and potential outputs. To facilitate collaboration, it will be necessary to have a support letter from the Scientific Workgroup Leader, Senior Scientist or Scientific Director at ZMT who would host the fellow.

You can find a list of work group leaders under each scientific department under this link (<https://www.leibniz-zmt.de/en/research/scientific-departments.html>).

The last date for submission of applications for the Fellowship is Friday, 30 January 2026.

The selection will be made strictly based on the professional details of the applicant, plan of work to be carried out and mutual research interest of the applicant and ZMT. Copies of the guidelines for the Fellowship and the application form are **attached** (also available at the Centre's Website- www.namstct.org). The Guidelines may please be read carefully before the submission of application.

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**Joint NAM S&T Centre–ZMT Bremen Fellowship Programme
on**

Blue Economy in Tropical Coastal Marine Research

Background

In pursuance of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) concluded by the NAM S&T Centre [www.namstct.org] with the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (Leibniz-Zentrum für Marine Tropenforschung- ZMT), Bremen, Germany [www.leibniz-zmt.de], a Joint NAM S&T Centre – ZMT Bremen Fellowship Programme was initiated in the year 2008 for providing opportunities to the Scientists from the Developing Countries to affiliate themselves with ZMT to upgrade their research skills and conduct joint research in Ecology, Biogeochemistry, Modelling and Tropical Coastal Marine Systems.

Objectives

The objectives of the Joint NAM S&T Centre – ZMT Bremen Fellowship Programme are:

- a) To provide opportunities to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to work with Senior Researchers and Faculty Members in ZMT Bremen for upgrading their research skills in the fields related to Ecology, Biogeochemistry, Geology, Theoretical Ecology and Modelling, Social Sciences and Tropical Coastal Marine Systems.
- b) To facilitate the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to undertake short-term joint research projects at ZMT Bremen.
- c) To provide a mechanism to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to use the equipment and facility of ZMT Bremen for their own research activities on mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- d) To facilitate exchange of information and contacts and create a network between the scientists and researchers from Germany and other developing countries.
- e) Depending on the research topic, the Fellows can also benefit from the ZMT's association with the University of Bremen & other well-established marine institutes in Bremen.
- f) It is expected from NAM Fellows to write a Working Paper that will be published on ZMT's website during their stay at ZMT.

Number of Fellowships

Up to five scientists/researchers from the developing countries will be sponsored each year by the NAM S&T Centre to work at ZMT Bremen under the Joint Fellowship Programme. Selection of applicants will be made strictly on merit and competitive basis.

Duration of Fellowship

The maximum duration of Fellowship will be three months. All the selected scholars will have to obey the German VISA regulations according to which an individual can stay only for a maximum period of 90 days in Germany, beyond which the VISA regulations are more stringent.

Eligibility

- a) The applicant must hold at least a Master of Science (M.Sc.) or an equivalent degree and should be actively engaged in research and development.
- b) There is no upper age limit, but younger scientists will be preferred.
- c) Selection is made strictly on merit based on the scientific quality of the research proposal submitted by the applicant.

Note: In assessing the merit of the applications, consideration will be given to several quality criteria, including the scientific quality and feasibility of the proposed research, the novelty and overall scientific excellence of the approach, and the anticipated societal and scientific impact. The academic background and qualifications of the applicant, as well as the potential for meaningful collaboration with ZMT, will also be evaluated. Additional points may be awarded for exceptional indications of future cooperation with ZMT or demonstrated leadership and independence in previous research activities. The impact of expected findings of the proposed study on achieving the UN SDG - 14 (Life below Water) will also be assessed.

- d) From a developing country, only one scientist/researcher will be accepted for a given financial year.

Financial and Other Terms

- a) ZMT Bremen will provide a monthly subsistence allowance of €1250 for accommodation, meals and out-of-pocket expenses in Bremen for the duration of the fellowship.
- b) Under this fellowship programme, the NAM S&T Centre sponsors up to five scientists each year. The Fellowship will be awarded to the scientists only from the Member Countries of the NAM S&T Centre and S&T-Industry Network Members of the NAM S&T Centre. Only one scientist will be selected from a particular Country/ S&T-Industry Network Member. The Centre covers the international airfare of the selected candidates from those Member Countries or Members of the NAM S&T– Industry Network, which have no outstanding dues towards the annual membership subscription to the Centre. [Lists of Member Countries and Members of the NAM S&T– Industry Network are available in the Centre’s website- www.namstct.org].
- c) ZMT Bremen will provide all possible facilities and access to various equipments in its constituent laboratories, which may be required by the Fellows for implementing their research activity under the supervision of a senior ZMT scientist.
- d) Individual Fellows or their governments/institutions will be required to bear the following costs:

- ❖ All expenses in the home country incidental to travel abroad, including expenditure for passport and visa, required medical examinations and vaccinations and miscellaneous expenses such as internal travel to/from the airport of departure in the home country.
 - ❖ Salary and other related allowances for the Fellows during the Fellowship period.
 - ❖ Cost towards medical insurance to cover the period of Fellowship in Germany.
- e) The NAM S&T Centre and ZMT Bremen will not assume responsibility for the following expenditure in connection with the Fellowship of a particular scientist/researcher:
- ❖ Insurance, medical bills or hospitalization fees.
 - ❖ Compensation in the event of death, disability or loss of personal belongings or compensation for damage caused by climatic or other conditions.
 - ❖ Other costs, including airport taxes and excess baggage charges, etc.

Submission and Selection of Applications

- a) Applications for the fellowship may be submitted in the prescribed format (**attached**) directly to the NAM S&T Centre **and not to ZMT Bremen**. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- b) A proposal on the scientific work to be carried out at ZMT Bremen must be attached with the application. To prepare the proposal the applicants may carefully study the material available on the website of ZMT Bremen [www.leibniz-zmt.de] and then get in touch with the respective work group leader at ZMT for scientific questions or via the E-mail: nam.fellows@leibniz-zmt.de for administrative questions. It is necessary to have a support letter from the workgroup leader at ZMT who should host the fellow.
- c) Up to five applicants will be selected each year out of all the applications received based on the professional details provided and the Plan of Work submitted by the applicants.
- d) In matter of selection, the decision of the NAM S&T Centre and ZMT shall be final.

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Joint NAM S&T Centre – ZMT Bremen Fellowship Programme

APPLICATION FORM

(Please TYPE or use BLOCK capitals; NO COLUMN SHOULD BE LEFT BLANK)

SECTION - A

(To be filled in by the Applicant)

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Recent
Photograph**

1. **First Name (Prof. /Dr. /Mr. /Mrs. /Ms.):**
Middle Name:
Last Name:
(As in Passport)
2. **Designation (Position held):**
3. **Nationality:**
4. **Date of Birth:** **Place of Birth (City):** **(Country)**
5. **Passport No:** **Place of issue:**
Date of Issue: **Valid up to:**
(Please enclose a copy of your Passport)
6. **Full Address (Home):**
.....
Phone: **Fax:** **E-mail:**
Mobile
7. **Name of the Parent Organisation (Employer):**
Full Address (Office):
.....
Phone: **Fax:** **E-mail:**
8. **Educational Qualifications:**
Highest Degree:
Year of Award:

University:

Field of Study:

9. Brief Bio-data (including professional and research experience and a list of papers published, if any) [Not more than 3 printed pages]

(To be attached on separate sheet).

10. What in your opinion qualifies you for the Fellowship?

(To be attached on separate sheet)

11. Plan of Work to be carried out in ZMT

(To be attached on separate sheet)

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____

SECTION -B

RECOMMENDATION OF PARENT INSTITUTION

(The Candidate must get the application recommended by his/her Parent Institution/employer).

(Signature)

Name (in full):

Designation:

Date:

(SEAL)

SECTION -C

ENDORSEMENT BY NOMINATING AUTHORITY

(The Candidate may get the application endorsed by the Focal Point of the NAM S&T Centre in his/her country, if he/she wishes to receive the support of his/her return air fare to Bremen, Germany. For name/address of the Focal Points please visit Centre's website www.namstct.org)

(Signature)

Name (in full):

Designation:

Date:

(SEAL)

Check List

(for Enclosures to be attached with Application Form)

- i) Brief Curriculum Vitae (in **enclosed** Format and a list of papers published, if any).
 - ii) A write up on what qualifies you for the Fellowship - Purpose of the Visit to ZMT.
 - iii) Plan of Work along with the title of the proposed work (~500 words).
 - iv) Support letter from the workgroup leader at ZMT who has agreed to host you.
 - v) A scanned copy of relevant pages of valid passport.
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Curriculum Vitae

1. Personal Details:

Name: (Prof./Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms.)

Designation: Position Title

Present Employer: Full Address (Office)

City/State/Province:

Country:

Nationality:

Date of Birth: DD/MM/YYYY

Proficiency in English Language:

Permanent Address: Full Address (Home)

Gender:

Marital Status:

Contact: Mobile:

Telephone Office:

Fax:

E-mail:

Alternative e-mail:

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2. Academic Qualifications: In chronological order

Qualification Awarded Degree/Diploma/Certificate	Major Subject	University/Institution	Year (From-To)
1.			
2.			
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3. Professional Experience: In chronological order

Organisation/Institution	Position Title	Year (From-To)	Nature of duties
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2.			
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4.			

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Total number of years of relevant experience –

2. **Research Experience:** In chronological order

Research Title	Duration	Status
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3.		
4.		
5.		

3. **Administrative Experience:** Not more than 100 words

4. **Experience with respect to the title of the programme:**

5. **Details of Awards/Recognitions (if any) :**

6. **Any other information:** Not more than 50 words

7. **Recent Publications:** Only five recent publications to be mentioned

8. **Recent Photograph:** A recent passport size colour photo to be **attached**
