

About us

The **Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA)** is dedicated to the topic of 'Sustainable Governance'. MIASA's main interdisciplinary research foci are: sustainable environmental transformation, sustainable conflict management, and sustainable democracy.

The Institute's overarching aims are working towards a reduction of global asymmetries in knowledge production and bridging the cultural divide between Anglophone and Francophone Africa. MIASA serves as a hub for exchange, networking and collaboration amongst leading researchers from Germany, Ghana, the African continent and beyond. It also offers funding opportunities for early career researchers.

MIASA is located at the **University of Ghana**, Legon, Accra. It is thus the first Institute for Advanced Studies in Sub-Saharan Africa outside of South Africa.

MIASA's programmes are funded by the **German Federal Ministry of Education and Research**, while its local staffing, administrative and operational costs are borne by the University of Ghana.



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Fellowships & Events

In the preliminary phase (2018-2020), MIASA hosts four **Interdisciplinary Fellow Groups (IFGs)**. The groups convene for a period of four months at the University of Ghana, each group consisting of eight to twelve scholars who collaborate on a research question linked to the sustainable governance topic:

IFG 1: Migration, Mobility and Forced Displacement
(February to May 2019)

IFG 2: Parliaments and Democracy in Africa
(September to December 2019)

IFG 3: Sustainable Rural Transformation
(February to May 2020)

IFG 4: Sustainable Energy Transitions in the Global South
(September to December 2020)*

During the main phase (2020-2026)*, MIASA will offer **individual fellowships** to excellent junior and senior fellows for the duration of up to 5 months, as well as a **tandem fellowship programme** for a team of one West-African scholar paired with a German colleague. Twice a year, MIASA will also offer a **policy fellowship** and an **artist in residence programme**. **Research fellows** will be invited to visit MIASA for a period of up to 3 weeks. The format of the **Interdisciplinary Fellow Groups** will continue throughout MIASA's main phase. All fellowship calls will be launched on an annual basis.

MIASA conferences, workshops, summer schools, and public lectures take place at MIASA's primary site in Accra as well as in other locations throughout the African continent.

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Members of the MIASA Interdisciplinary Fellow Group 1 'Migration, Mobility and Forced Displacement', February to May 2019

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