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## **Green Talents 2016 to be awarded at Alumni Conference**

**Leading young scientists from 16 countries to meet Germany's sustainability research elite on 17-26 October and visit green science's hotspots**

- **Official award ceremony takes place at largest Green Talents alumni meeting to date**
- **A highly diversified programme of workshops and events awaits Green Talents alumni, German sustainability researchers, companies and government representatives**

**Bonn:** The Green Talents Award held under the patronage of the German Research Minister Professor Johanna Wanka is recognizing young talented researchers for the eighth time and providing a platform to share their innovative and creative ideas which aim to answer pressing sustainability and environmental protection questions of our time. A high-ranking jury of experts selected 25 up-and-coming scientists out of 757 applications from over 104 countries. The award consists of the "Green Talents – International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development" where the awardees travel through Germany for two weeks, to visit hotspots of green science and to meet the sustainability research elite. In the following year, the Green Talents have the possibility to conduct research in Germany for up to three months.

This year's "Green Talents" can expect to interact with leading experts and some of the most renowned research institutions and companies, including the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research, Hamburg University of Technology, the Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Siemens AG and the Southern African Service Center for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management.

The 25 awardees will be honoured during a festive award ceremony at the Green Talents Alumni Meeting 2016 attended by representatives of the participating institutions, their experts, jury members, politicians and other distinguished guests. Minister Professor Johanna Wanka will open the conference; Professor Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, will hold a keynote speech on "Climate effects and vulnerability." The conference's highly diversified programme offers all of its participants countless networking possibilities. During the conference Green Talents can get connected to the science community and exchange ideas with key innovators and lay the foundations for future cooperation. Such efforts are supported by the invitation to return to Germany for a fully funded research stay at an institution of the Green Talent's choice in the year after the award.

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International Forum for High Potentials  
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Both conference and festive award ceremony will be held on **27 October 2016** at Kosmos, Berlin.

**Please confirm your interview requests by 26th October via [greentalents@media-consulta.com](mailto:greentalents@media-consulta.com)**

Please find attached the list of all 25 awardees.

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