

IDA Global Development Class 2016

Purpose

The IDA-Global Development Class 2016 is intended as an opportunity for young people who are at the beginning of their careers to build networks, learn about and shape a career in the field of global development.

A maximum of 30 young people from different professional and educational backgrounds will enroll in this one-year programme which is entirely carried forward by participant-organised activities.

Background

With the endorsement by the international community of the 17 sustainable development goals in September 2015¹ there would seem enough reasons and opportunities to work with global development.

However, following the massive cuts and the shifts towards dealing with refugees in development assistance by the Danish Government, some of the traditional entry-points being more or less closed, there is a serious need for clarifying what career options do exist in the field, which sectors are hiring and, not least, how to take advantage of the new opportunities and new jobs.

IDA Global Development Class was formed in 2015, after realising a considerable demand for clarification, individual career-oriented mentoring, recruitment exercises, and career training in the field of global development. It was a great success with 55 enrolled and around 35 persons graduating after a year with vivid activity.

Specific objectives

- To get to know and understand the main generic and some specific operators in the field of global development, their driving forces, approaches, and recruitment needs and processes.
- To provide personal clarification about one's own wishes, qualifications, and opportunities with respect to a career in global development, allowing for a production of a marketable professional profile.
- To establish a professional network in global development and understand how to use and further expand this by bringing together peers around a set of development-oriented activities.
- To actively engage the participants to take responsibility for key parts of the Class' events and processes.

¹ <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

Work format

The class participants will work in small groups during the year on various themes and will form cross-groups for organizing the above events. Depending on the number of participants and where they live, a hub might be formed in Aalborg.

Target audience

- Young current and to become members of IDA Global Development (< 39 years of age) aiming for a career with focus on global development, specifically:
- University students within last two years of their study
- University graduates within first five years after graduation
- Multidisciplinary mix of humanities, natural sciences, business and economics, technical sciences, etc. (40 – 60 % IDA or potential IDA members)

We can offer some travel compensation for *up to ten* of participants from Jutland and Funen.

Participation in IDA Global Development Class 2016 is free. However, it requires that you are a personal member of IDA Global Development for which an annual membership costs:

Personal member – DKK 400

Students – DKK 200

Members of the Danish Society of Engineers - Free

For more details please see our website: <http://ida-globaldevelopment.dk/>

Application

If you are interested in participating in IDA Global Development Class 2016, please fill out the application form and send it to Head of Programme Troels Stru Schmidt at troelsstru@gmail.com

The deadline for applications is February 15th, 2016.