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## Press release

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### ESMT enabling African students to study in Germany

- **ESMT partnering with African Institute for Mathematical Sciences**
- **Nelly Kasei Ogonda first Kofi Annan Fellow in new Master's in Management program**

ESMT European School of Management and Technology is partnering with the [African Institute for Mathematical Sciences \(AIMS\)](#) to enable highly qualified African graduates to study for the [Master's in Management](#) degree that started on September 9, 2014 at ESMT in Berlin, Germany. Supported by ESMT as a [Kofi Annan Fellow](#), the young Kenyan Nelly Kasei Ogonda has joined the new 22-month degree program designed for individuals with an analytical background in the sciences who are looking to transition into management.

Nelly Ogonda was born as the youngest in a family with ten children. Describing her upbringing as challenging, she is grateful to her father for supporting the education of all of his children, irrespective of gender. Nelly's love of mathematics began in primary school and has continued throughout her entire educational career. She said, "I studied at AIMS in the hope of learning to understand the application of mathematics in solving African problems, and my interest in finance also grew there. This opportunity at ESMT will enable me to achieve my dreams of becoming a financial analyst and manager."

"We are delighted that Nelly Ogonda, an AIMS 2014 graduate from our center in S n gal, has been accepted to ESMT on the highly coveted Kofi Annan Fellowship," said Thierry Zomahoun, President and CEO of the AIMS-NEI (AIMS-Next Einstein Initiative) Global Secretariat. "This will provide Nelly an ideal springboard into the private sector and is consistent with our objective of broadening the opportunities set for AIMS graduates beyond academia."

Nick Barniville, Director of Degree Programs at ESMT, commented, "Nelly is the first Kofi Annan Fellow within our newly started MIM program. We look forward to continuing to support the education of talented young people from Africa. Nelly joins a growing tradition of Kofi Annan Fellows at ESMT."

"Nelly's success is a perfect example of the AIMS mission: to enable Africa's brightest students to flourish as independent thinkers, problem solvers and innovators capable of propelling Africa into economic self-sufficiency," continued Thierry. "And we're confident this is the start of a great partnership with ESMT."

Further information: [Interview with Nelly Kasei Ogonda, the first Kofi Annan Fellow of the ESMT MIM program](#)

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#### About ESMT

ESMT European School of Management and Technology was founded in October 2002 by 25 leading global companies and institutions. The international business school offers a full-time MBA, an executive MBA, a Master's in Management as well as open enrollment and customized executive education programs. ESMT



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focuses on three main topics: leadership and social responsibility, European competitiveness, and the management of technology. Additionally, the business school provides an interdisciplinary platform for discourse between politics, business, and academia. ESMT is based in Berlin, Germany, with Schloss Gracht as an additional location near Cologne. ESMT is a private business school, accredited by the German state, AACSB, AMBA, and FIBAA. Since 2013 ESMT has the right to grant PhDs. [www.esmt.org](http://www.esmt.org)

### **About AIMS and the Next Einstein Initiative**

The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) is a pan-African network of centers of excellence for post graduate training, research and outreach in mathematical sciences. Its mission is to enable Africa's brightest students to flourish as independent thinkers, problem solvers and innovators capable of propelling Africa's future scientific, educational and economic self-sufficiency. AIMS was founded in 2003 and has produced more than 731 graduates, about one third of whom are women. The goal of the *Next Einstein Initiative* (NEI) is to build 15 centres of excellence across Africa by 2023. To learn more, please visit [www.nexteinstein.org](http://www.nexteinstein.org).