**Value The Value of Religion for Development**

**photographer’s workshop**

**Application Form**

1. **General Information**

The photographer’s workshop will be taking place from May 23 – 28 May, 2016 in Berlin, Germany. It is hosted by the GIZ-project partner “Ostkreuz School of Photography” (<http://www.ostkreuzschule.de/>) and will be held in English. Together with photographers from various countries, you will explore the value of religion for international development by creating a photo series and a collage focussing on interreligious dialogue. We will try to bring together a group of 10 international participants with different religious backgrounds. During the workshop, participants are encouraged to creatively discuss new perspectives on the subject. Having returned to your home country, it will be your task to create a picture series on religion and its positive potential on development. You are furthermore asked to add a short text and the experience you gained while taking it. You can submit your best pictures online (Details to follow). We will then select and print the best pictures, as well as publish them online.

1. **Expected documents for application:**

* A short CV (one page in English)
* Contact details (including your full name identical to the diction in your passport, your passport ID number, your date and place of birth, your current address and email as well as your mobile phone number)
* Samples of your work (one PDF file with 10 pictures; select one picture out of the ten and describe why this is your favourite one and what was your motivation when taking the photo)
* A one page letter (PDF) of motivation explaining why you want to take part in the international photographers’ workshop

**The deadline for application is April 22, 2016.**

**ABOUT THE PARTNERS**

**GIZ**

GIZ provides services worldwide in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development. It has over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment, energy and the environment, and peace and security. The diverse expertise of our federal enterprise is in demand around the globe, with the German Government, European Union institutions, the United Nations and governments of other countries all benefiting from our services. The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is our main commissioning party, but we also work closely with the private sector, fostering successful interaction between development policy and foreign trade. All these commissioning parties trust GIZ to generate ideas for political, social and economic change on their behalf, to develop these into concrete plans and to implement the envisaged change processes. Since we are a public-benefit federal enterprise, German and European values are central to our work. This makes us a reliable service provider that people can trust.

Together with our partners, we work to deliver flexible and effective solutions that offer people better prospects and sustainably improve their living conditions. The registered offices of GIZ are in Bonn and Eschborn. In 2014 our business volume exceeded two billion euros. Around 70 per cent of our local workforce of 16,410 people are national personnel working in over 130 countries. In our capacity as a recognised sending organisation, we currently have 785 development workers in action in partner countries. In addition, CIM, a joint operation of GIZ and the Federal Employment Agency, placed around 1,000 integrated and returning experts with local employers abroad in 2014 while providing them with financial support and advisory services.

**GIZ Representation Berlin**

The Berlin Representation represents GIZ in Germany’s capital. With its strategic location in the political center of Berlin, the office maintains close contacts and partnerships with political actors like the German Parliament, addressing current issues and political debates in the field of international cooperation and presenting them to a broader audience.

**Sector Programme Values, Religion and Development**

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has set up the Sector Programme Values, Religion and Development. Its function is to drive forward the implementation of value-based development policy while also ensuring that religion's significance as an important source of values gains greater recognition in development policy and international cooperation. Essentially, it will be asking how we can leverage the potential of religion for sustainable development and peace. Working together with civil society and representatives of religions, the aim is to develop measures that can be applied in practice. One of the programme's goals is to increase the religious literacy of religious and non-religious people. Knowledge of religions and the ability to understand them is a prerequisite for discovering common ground in diversity.

**Ostkreuz School of Photography**

The Ostkreuz School of Photography is a private school for photography and picture editing. The school was founded in 2004 by Thomas Sandberg and Werner Mahler and has emerged from the Ostkreuz Photo Agency. Students receive an extensive photographic training with a focus on photographic gaze, the development and stimulation of an individual photographic signature, as well as the creative handling of the medium photography for both analog and digital photography in theory and practice. Students may work by themselves 24/7 in the school’s facilities, featuring a studio, analog and digital labs. They meet teachers frequently in groups of 12 to 15 people to discuss results and further plans. After two and a half years of intensive basic studies, which include crafting skills and theoretical background, the students suggest a subject for a final individual project and work on it for the last 12 months of their training under supervision of a chosen teacher and a group of approximately eight other students. Each training ends with a final exhibition.