

Call for papers and proposals The 10th Annual Meeting of the Environment for Development (EfD) Initiative

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The Environment for Development (EfD) initiative is a capacity-building program in environmental economics focusing on research, policy interaction, and academic programs. The overall objective of EfD is to support poverty alleviation and sustainable development by building environmental economics capacity in policy-making processes. The EfD network now has centers hosted by universities or research institutions in Central America, Chile, China, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, the US, India, Colombia, and Vietnam. The program also includes a full PhD program in Global Change and Climate Economics offered at the University of Gothenburg, and four specialization courses in Environmental and Climate Economics, held every other year.

The EfD initiative is committed to producing high-quality research and active international research interaction. This is achieved by creating an environment where discussions can take place openly, research results can be constructively criticized, and feedback is generated. One important strategy to promote such research interactions is through research meetings such as the annual meeting. The EfD annual meeting is a forum to bring together researchers from EfD centers, their collaborators and other key stakeholders for exchange of research ideas, discussion of research proposals and presentation of results from EfD projects.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Research proposals for 2017 funding in all EfD research themes, including collaborative projects, can be developed strictly following the EfD research guideline and submitted by eligible EfD researchers directly to the EfD network through *Editorial Express* (www.editorialexpress.com/efd) by **July 15, 2016**. In order to allow time for peer review before the annual meeting, proposals submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Proposals will pass through a blind review process. Based on this review, the EfD research committee will select the most promising proposals for presentation at the annual meeting, and a discussant will be assigned. Final funding decisions will be made after the presentation and discussion. Please note that the EfD research fund will be allocated on a *competitive* basis.

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The EfD research committee favors policy-relevant projects with high potential for publication in reputable peer-reviewed international journals. The proposals should preferably be developed in collaboration between EfD Senior Research Fellows/Research Fellows, Research Associates, and young researchers (post-docs and graduate students/Junior Researchers). Their duration is expected to be one to three years and the budget between USD 30 000 and 80 000. Note that all proposals from EfD countries should be presented and pass through a local peer-review process *prior to* submission to the EfD network.

Selected authors will be notified by September 1, 2016, after which the registration for the annual meeting will be open. Final draft accepted proposals must be submitted on October 15 at the latest to be included in the final program of the annual meeting.

PAPER SUBMISSION

The EfD network invites submission of full draft papers on topics related to environmental and resource economics in developing countries and relevant EfD themes. Please submit your manuscript *online* via Editorial Express, www.editorialexpress.com/efd, by July 20, 2016. Selected authors will be notified by August 1, 2016, after which the registration for the annual meeting will be open. Final draft accepted papers must be submitted by October 15 to be included in the final program of the annual meeting.

CONTACT AND PARTICIPATION

In 2016, the annual meeting will be held in Pucón, Chile. It is being organized by the Research Nucleus on Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (NENRE, by its Spanish acronym) at the University of Concepción, Chile, together with the EfD Secretariat. Questions related to local arrangements can be directed to Carlos Chávez Rebolledo, Director of EfD Chile or Walter Gómez, Deputy Director, EfD Chile through nenre@udec.cl.

The EfD network will cover travel and local costs for EfD researchers whose proposals or papers from EfD-funded projects have been accepted for presentation at the annual meeting. EfD covers local cost (not travel) for EfD researchers (Senior Research Fellows, Research Fellows and international research associates) with accepted papers. Other participants are expected to cover their full cost to participate in the annual meeting.

The local costs (local transport, room, board and excursion) for the EfD annual meeting in Pucón) is about \$206/day. If you would like to attend the annual meeting, or if you have queries related to the conference, contact Susanna Olai, EfD Program Manager (susanna.olai@gu.se). Questions related to research proposal/paper presentations can be directed to Daniel Ternald, EfD Research Officer (daniel.ternald@gu.se).

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