**Guidelines for Developing First-Stage EfD Research Project Proposals**

**(4 - 5 pages maximum excluding references and title page, font size 12, Times New Roman, 1.5 line spacing)**

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**Front page:**

**Project Title:**

**Project Theme:**

Which EfD research theme does the proposed project fit?

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| Agriculture |  | Fisheries |  | Energy & Forestry |  | Climate Change |  | Parks & Wildlife |  | Policy Design |  |

**Cross-cutting themes (mark if applicable)**

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| Poverty and social inclusion |  | Gender |  |

**Project Principal Investigator (PI)**

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**Project Partners/Collaborators**

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**1. Background (0.5 pages)**

1. What policy, development or academic research problem(s) does the proposed project address? Give an indication of the magnitude of the problem(s)!
2. What is the usefulness of the proposed research project in solving the problem(s) identified above (i.e. the policy, development and academic relevance of the proposed research project)
3. What is the innovation of the proposed research project and how does it fill existing knowledge gap?

 **2. Specific Objectives of the Proposed Research Project (0.5 pages)**

1. What are the research questions and/or hypotheses to be investigated?
2. What is the fundamental identification strategy to answer the research questions?
3. Stated any additional objectives related to your interaction with the policy making process in order to disseminate your findings)

**3. Policy relevance (0.5 pages)**

1. What process was followed in developing the proposed research project? Describe your relevant interaction with the policy making process, the stakeholders and stakeholder participation in developing the proposed research project!
2. Which are the ongoing policy processes[[1]](#footnote-1) or current legislation of importance to your research proposal?
3. How does this specific project fit with your strategic objectives on policy interaction and communication in your annual plan?

**4. Relevance for poverty and gender (0.5 pages)**

How are the issues of poverty and gender reflected in the research? Discuss each point separately.

**5. Literature Review (0.5 pages)**

1. Brief literature review. Please undertake survey of the literature related to the proposed research problem. How does the proposed work build on existing studies? Cite all the major studies including your own earlier studies on the subject. Wind-up this section by clearly indicating your contribution over the already existing studies.

**5. Methodology (1 page)**

1. Indicate the main methodologies that will be used: the theoretical foundations, analytical framework and empirical methods to be used. No need to state fundamental econometric models. Focus on how the method relates to the stated objectives and identification strategy.
2. Data sources. Please clearly indicate whether the project will involve data collection or use existing data set. If it involves data collection please specify method of data collection.

**6. Project Outputs (0.5 pages)**

1. Deliverable products (clearly specify possible titles of discussion papers, research briefs and/or policy briefs)
2. List preliminary key stakeholders for the research briefs and if relevant other envisaged means, activities, occasions to communicate with targeted stakeholders or the broader public.

7. **Team competence (0.5 pages max)**

Briefly motivate why you believe the team will successfully carry out the proposed project as per the expectation of EfD. You can mention aspects such as competence of the team members in the proposed research topic and recent experience with delivering on similar projects. Feel free to list relevant publications and projects by team members below the heading ‘*Selected publications and projects by team members relevant to the project***’**

**Duration of the Project**

Project timelines (e.g. Start date, End date)

**References**

**Selected publications and projects by team members relevant to the project (max 5)**

**Did you receive funding for this project from other sources? (Yes/No)**

If “Yes”, state the amount. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. This could mean the preparation of new legislation (forestry, trade, energy, agriculture etc.). These policy processes can be either on national, sectoral or international level.  It may be that there are no apparent policy processes ongoing. In this case list a couple of the most important of existing polices for your work e.g. the forest policy, water directives or other similar policies.  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)