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Call for papers and proposals
**The 7th Annual Meeting of the Environment for Development (EFD)
Initiative**

Organized by
**The Environmental Policy Research Unit at UCT and the EFD Secretariat
October 24-27, 2013**

The EFD initiative is committed to produce high quality research and active international research interaction. This is achieved by creating an environment where discussions can take place openly, where research results can be constructively criticized, and where feedback is generated. One important strategy that the initiative is using to achieve this is to promote research interactions through research meetings such as the annual meetings.

The EFD annual meeting is therefore a forum to bring together researchers from EFD centers and their collaborators and other key stakeholders for exchange of research ideas and discussion of research proposals and results from EFD research projects.

The seventh EFD annual meeting will be held at Monkey Valley, just outside Cape Town, South Africa (the same venue as the first EFD Annual Meeting!) from October 24-27, 2013.

Paper submission

Finished papers and preliminary draft of a work-in-progress in all EFD research themes can be submitted by EFD Research Fellows and Research Associates electronically to EFD Research Coordinator Yonas Alem, (yonas.alem@economics.gu.se) on or before August 1, 2013. In the event of oversubscription, preference will be given to EFD-funded research papers. Papers sent after the deadline will not be considered because they have to undergo peer-review before presentation at the annual meeting. Following the successful practice from last year, papers will pass through a “blind review process” before presentation and a new discussant will be assigned during presentation at the annual meeting.

Proposal submission

2014 research proposals in all EFD research themes can be submitted by EFD Senior Research Fellows in the respective EFD centers of Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Costa Rica, and China directly to their Center Coordinator/Director. Please contact the Center Coordinator/Director as soon as possible regarding the local review process that will also involve policy maker and other stakeholder interaction. The Center Coordinator/Director will submit all prioritized (according to center priorities and criteria) submissions electronically to EFD research coordinator (yonas.alem@economics.gu.se) by August 15, 2013. Note that proposals submitted after the deadline will not be accepted since they both have to undergo a blind peer- review and be discussed by the EFD

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Research Committee before the annual meeting. At the annual meeting a new discussant will be assigned.

The World Bank has recently committed to provide additional funding for research by Efd fellows in developing countries on key topics of interest for Efd and the Bank. In view of this, Efd senior research fellows in the mentioned countries are invited to apply for additional funding to finance research preferably (but not exclusively) on the following topics:

- Economic valuation of ecosystem services (empirical)
- Economic impacts of climate change (quantitative/empirical)
- Water resource economics (including water – energy interrelationships)
- Impact evaluation – energy and natural resource policies
- Connections between natural/environmental resource economics and poverty
- Political economy of (specific) natural resource and environmental policies

Please note that this additional funding will be allocated by the Efd Research Committee to the mentioned countries on a competitive manner. Emphasis also will be given to high quality project proposals involving female researchers in the centers, junior researchers (PhD students), and research associates. The Sida-funds and the WB funds will be managed jointly by the Research Committee which means that all proposals should be included in the center “research package”.

Submissions review process

All submissions will undergo a peer-review process. All Efd Researchers and Associates will be requested to serve as reviewers. Please submit your reviews on time to give authors sufficient time to improve their submissions before the annual meeting. All reviews must be submitted to the Efd research coordinator (yonas.alem@economics.gu.se) on September 10, 2013 at the latest.

The Efd Research Committee will consider reviewers’ reports, centers’ research priorities, Efd collaborative research priorities and decide which submissions to accept.

Paper acceptance notification

All authors will be notified of the acceptance (or otherwise) of their submission by October 15, 2013. All accepted papers, proposals and the program will be uploaded on the website dedicated for this meeting by October 20, 2013. Note that participation in the meeting is by invitation from an Efd center or the Efd secretariat and that participation is not conditional on paper/proposal acceptance.

Accommodation and travel costs

Each Efd center will cover the travel of its Research Fellows from its core budget and the Efd Secretariat will pay for local costs for Efd center Research Fellows as well as for a number of Research Associates based on their involvement in Efd collaborative research projects. Other

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participants are expected to cover their own full cost and their participation is conditional on available space.

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