**GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING EfD RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSALS**

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Should convey the area of work and reflect the purpose

**PROJECT THEME:**

Which EfD research theme does the proposed project fit?

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

**PROJECT PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**PROJECT PARTNERS/COLLABORATORS**

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**ABSTRACT (200-300 words)**

This should contain:

1. Project problems
2. Project objective
3. How and where it will be implemented
4. Possible outcomes
5. Key words

**1. BACKGROUND (1.5-2 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 are the research questions and/or hypotheses to be investigated by the proposed research project?
4. How does the proposed work build on existing studies (incorporate a brief survey of the frontier literature)? What is the innovation of the proposed research project and how does it fill existing knowledge gap?
5. 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!
6. Which are the ongoing policy processes[[1]](#footnote-1) or current legislation of importance to your research proposal?
7. How does this specific project fit with your strategic objectives on policy interaction and communication in your annual plan?

**2. GOAL (0.5 page max)**

1. The overall objective of the EfD initiative is to support poverty alleviation and sustainable development by building environmental economics capacity in policy making processes. What is the higher order development goal i.e. environmental sustainability, poverty reduction, etc., of the proposed research project in the context of EfD mission statement.

**3. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT (0.5 pages max)**

1. Stick to a few well-crafted measurable objectives (Note that in addition to the usual research objectives there might be objectives related to your interaction with the policy making process in order to disseminate your findings)

**4. LITERATURE REVIEW (1 – 1.5 pages max)**

1. Brief literature review. Please undertake survey of the literature related to the proposed research problem. 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 (1.5 page max)**

1. Indicate the main methodologies that will be used: the theoretical foundations, analytical framework and empirical methods to be used
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 max)**

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. PROJECT OUTCOMES (1 page max)**

1. Explain how the outputs will contribute to addressing the policy, development or academic research problem stated in the background section.

**8. DURATION OF THE PROJECT**

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

**9. PROJECT BUDGET**

List major activities including timeline, researchers involved and corresponding budget

Total estimated budget

EfD budget share

Other(s) budget share

**10. REFERENCES**

**11. PREVIOUS EfD FUNDING**

List all your previous EfD-funded projects and the status of the associated deliverables

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)