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Best Practice Award – Call for Applications

To be awarded to

Best Practices in Cooperation between Researchers and Practitioners

at the PEGNet Conference 2011

German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg, Germany,
07-09 September 2011

The Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Growth Network's (PEGNet) conference 2011 will be held at the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg, Germany, September 7 to 9, 2011. The Conference will provide a platform for **high-level dialogue between development researchers, practitioners and policy-makers**. The theme of the PEGNet conference 2011 is **“Poor Countries, Poor People, and the New Global Players”**. The conference days will feature parallel-sessions based on invited and contributed papers and project presentations. These sessions will be complemented by a debate, a round-table discussion, and keynote speeches by renowned speakers from academia, economic policy and development practice.

A highlight of the conference is the **PEGNet Best Practice Award of Euro 3000** that will be awarded for the third time to best practices in cooperation between researchers and practitioners. This call therefore asks for submission of projects, programs and initiatives eligible for this prize. The award will be granted to programmes or projects that have achieved effective interaction between research and practice. All initiatives that have proved to put **research into action** and have thereby fostered cooperation between development research and practice are encouraged to apply. Such initiatives can be development projects or programmes that have **incorporated research tools** into their design or research projects that have been particularly successful in translating their **findings into policy and practice**. Initiatives targeted at **improving dialogue** between researchers and practitioners are also encouraged to apply. The proposed projects do not have to be related to the conference theme.

Last years' prize winners include Veronica Amarante and Andrea Vigorito from the University of Uruguay and her colleagues at the Ministry of Social Development in Uruguay for the design and

implementation of conditional cash transfer programs, and Andrew Mude from ILRI, Nairobi for the project: Piloting index based livestock insurance in Northern Kenya.

Selection procedures

The idea of awarding this prize was born out of two observations. On the one hand, the policy impact of research is often weak, as development research may not always ask the right question. On the other hand, modern research tools seldom make their way into policy design indicating a lack of shared knowledge. All this implies that more and better modes of interaction between researchers and practitioners are urgently needed.

The selection criteria for the Best Practice Award therefore include (1) the relevance of the research or policy questions, (2) the quality of research, (3) the design of the link between research and practice/policy-making, (4) the sustainability of partnership between researchers and practitioners and (5) the originality of the communication strategy. Based on these criteria, a maximum of four projects will be selected by a committee on the basis of a three-page summary of the initiative's objectives, the type of interaction between research and practice as well as its results and impacts. For evaluation purposes, the nominated projects will be asked to submit a more detailed report. At the conference the nominated projects will be presented and the winning project will be awarded the prize of Euro 3000.

Please email your submissions to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de in a pdf or Word file and indicate 'PEGNet Conference 2011 – Best Practice' in the subject heading. The submission deadline is **April 12, 2011**. Notification of acceptance will be sent out in May 2011. The deadline for additional material for the Best Practice Award is July 8, 2011.

For more information on the conference and on Best Practice Award winners please refer to www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de.

Organisers

The conference is co-organised by the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) and the Courant Poverty Research Centre at the University of Göttingen, the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) on behalf of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and supported by the KfW Development Bank.

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