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Welcome to the February 2009 issue of our forestry funding news alert. This electronic newsletter is compiled by the FAO Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) team. It is a compilation of news related to forestry funding for fund seekers worldwide.

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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. African Women's Development Fund (AWDF)

The African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) funds local, national, sub-regional and regional organisations in Africa working towards women's empowerment. The AWDF Small Grants Program (SGP), currently operates in some selected countries in Africa, namely Ghana, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria. The objective of this programme is to support small, community/rural based grassroots women's groups, which are most likely not to have access to any financial support, AWDF'S main funding program. Beneficiaries should, however, be running projects which fall within AWDF's six thematic areas: Women's Human Rights; Political Participation; Peace Building; Health, Reproductive Rights; Economic Empowerment and HIV/AIDS.. The SGP also supports emerging or emergency issues, such as community disasters, activities that require a rapid response, and others. The AWDF makes grants in three cycles each year, March, August and November. Applications can be sent in at any time.

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Web: <http://awdf.org/web/index.php/grantmaking/small-grants-program---ghana>

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2. Environmental Support Center - Leadership and Enhanced Assistance Program (LEAP)

Leadership and Enhanced Assistance Program (LEAP) is a two-year program that helps groups "leap" forward to achieve significant internal goals. Participating groups receive funding for consultants and training and support from ESC staff and opportunities to network with peer organizations from other parts of the country. The LEAP funding covers up to 80% of the costs, mostly for trainer and consultant fees. Before engaging in the work, the participating group's leadership team submits a detailed workplan and contracts with the consultant who will help them "leap" forward. They can work with consultants of their own choosing, if the consultant has been approved by the Environmental Support Center. LEAP announces Class of 2009. For additional information on the LEAP and how it may assist your organization, please contact Tom Aloisi at talosisi@envsc.org.

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3. GlobalHort Secretariat Announces the Launching of a Call for Concept Notes on Horticultural Global Issues

GlobalHort Secretariat Announces the Launching of a Call for Concept Notes on Horticultural Global Issue. The Global Horticulture Initiative Project Grant Scheme is established to encourage innovation, the development of new or the modification and adaptation of existing technologies and tools to local conditions, the promotion of scaling-up of successful innovations and/or best practices. It also aims to create opportunities for disadvantaged stakeholder groups in the South to develop and enhance their capacities through the provision of start-up funds, and will also consider funding the support vacuum that exists between the initial stages of the research/innovation process and the scaling-up stage. GlobalHort calls for project concept notes on global horticultural issues. This call is open and targets specific themes listed in the Terms of Reference. You will also find the Guidelines for developing a full proposal that will be requested if the concept note is selected.

The deadline for receiving concept notes is 27th February 2009.

For more information please visit: <http://www.globalhort.org/activities/research-grants/#news-69>

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4. The Australia-India Council (AIC)

The Australia-India Council (AIC) welcomes funding applications from Australian individuals and organisations for projects which are likely to promote long-term contact and cooperation between Australia and India.

The Australia-India Council is now inviting applications for grant funding. **The grant round will be open until COB Monday 30th March 2009.**

For more information on the programs and applications, please visit:

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/aic/index.html>

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5. The Praxis Project Announces Call For Proposals

The Praxis Project is proud to announce the Call for Proposals for Communities Creating Healthy Environments. (CCEH)-a new grant initiative funded by the Robert

Wood Johnson Foundation to support community organizing and policy advocacy to increase access to healthy food and safe places to play in communities of color. CCHE will provide funding and technical assistance for up to ten local community organizing groups and indigenous nations with grants of up to \$250,000 over three years. For more information on the Call for Proposals please visit them at www.ccheonline.org . **Brief Proposals are due on February 26, 2009 by 3:00 p.m. ET.**

Project website: <http://www.thepraxisproject.org/>

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6. 4th SEED Awards (2009) Call for Submissions Now Open

Do you have an entrepreneurial and innovative idea that is locally-driven and has great potential to contribute to sustainable development in countries with developing or transition economies? If you meet SEED's eligibility criteria, you could apply now for the 2009 SEED Awards for entrepreneurship in sustainable development. Award Winners receive a comprehensive package of tailor-made support services, worth up to \$40,000, to help their venture to become established and to increase their impact. This includes access to relevant expertise and technical assistance, meeting new partners and building networks, developing business plans and identifying sources of finance. **The deadline for applications is 16 March 2009.**

For more information and application form: <http://www.seedinit.org/mainpages2/awards/what/index.php>

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Division of Communications and Public Information (DCPI)
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
P.O. Box 30552
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7. United States African Development Foundation (USADF)

USADF was created by the United States Congress with a unique mission to provide funds that promote community-based, self-help economic and development activities in Africa. USADF support focuses on community groups and small businesses that actively involve and benefit the marginalized and other under served populations. USADF provides funding for the following types of groups:

- AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES AND SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS GROUPS: An organization formed by a group of small-scale farmers, artisans, or producers to achieve some or all of the advantages of large-scale marketing and production.
- COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBOs): An organization made up of a group of people who come together to accomplish a common goal or a set of goals tailored to meet the development needs of their community.

- AFRICAN INTERMEDIARY ORGANIZATIONS (AIOs): An organization that works directly with very low-income people and marginalized groups.
- SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (SMEs): A registered enterprise that employs up to 100 workers, has annual sales revenues up to \$1 million, and has a business plan that impacts communities either directly within their enterprise or indirectly through supply-chain linkages.

The majority of USADF's funding agreements range between \$50,000 and \$250,000. USADF does not provide funding to government agencies, political parties, or organizations that are not based in Africa. Please note, USADF does not provide funding or scholarships to individuals.

For more information and application form please visit: <http://www.adf.gov/funding.html>

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8. EuropeAid 2009 call for proposals

EuropeAid's is guided by the 'Environment and sustainable management of natural resources including energy' thematic programme (ENRTP). This four-year strategy addresses environmental challenges that have a profound effect on the lives of poor people: rapidly degrading key ecosystems, climate change, poor global environmental governance and inadequate access to and security of energy supplies.

A new call for proposals is expected to be published in April / May 2009. Check the [Funding opportunities](#) pages regularly!

For more information:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/worldwide/environment/index_en.htm

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SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS

9. ATREE Small Grants Program

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Bangalore, India invites proposals from individuals for research projects under its Small Grants program. ATREE focuses on application of science to conservation of nature and sustainable use of natural resources by generating new knowledge, building human capacities, and working towards improving environmental governance. ATREE's commitment to conserving biological diversity spans both ecological and socio-economic concerns bringing a unique interdisciplinary approach to addressing conservation issues in India.

Program Details: The Small Grants Program recognizes that there is a wealth of information and expertise at small scales that can be drawn upon for more effective conservation. Project proposals for funds from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh for project duration of 1 year will be considered under the program. ATREE's work is housed largely under three centers which address different issues in Conservation and sustainability research. Project proposals should address the areas of research focus

as identified under each center. The selected applicant will be assigned an advisor for the research activity at the Center he/she chooses, or can pursue independent research depending on the proposal submitted to the committee. **Deadline for submitting proposals: 15th April , 2009.**

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Email: small-grants_2009@atree.org

Web: http://www.atree.org/small_grants_2009.html

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10.H.J. Heinz Company Foundation Fellowship

Heinz Fellowships are granted to individuals from developing countries who demonstrate potential as future leaders in the public, government, non-profit, or private sectors. The goal is to improve, early in a career, the Fellows' capacity to contribute to the development of their country and to enhance their understanding of the United States. This is accomplished through a year of sitting in on selected courses and participating in practical professional activities while based in Pittsburgh. Upon acceptance of their final report, Fellows will receive a program certificate from the University Center for International Studies. This is non-degree program. Courses are observed on an informal basis, and do not earn credit towards any academic degree.

Fellows will receive a living stipend of \$18,000 (paid in monthly installments), mandatory health insurance, round-trip transportation to and from Pittsburgh, and a \$2,000 program and professional activities fund. Please note that, if the Fellow comes from a country which does not have a tax treaty with the U.S., the Fellow must pay U.S. taxes amounting to 14% of the stipend. No transportation costs, living allowances, or insurance funds are provided for dependents. The Fellowship does not include allowances or services for dependents, whether or not they accompany the Fellow. As a condition of the grant, applicants will be required to submit a statement of their ability to finance the transportation and maintenance expenses for any accompanying dependents. Please note that U.S. government visa restrictions make employment opportunities for dependents rare.

Application deadline is March 2nd 2009.

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11. Hannover Biomedical Research School (HBRS)

HBRS was founded in October 2003. On October 13th 2006, HBRS was awarded the title "excellent graduate school". HBRS will now receive 1 Million Euro/year for 5 years from the German government in course of the German "Excellence Initiative". These funds will be spent on coordination, stipends, training etc. Under its roof all graduate programs (see left) of Hannover Medical School and partner institutes are coordinated.

Next deadline for application is April 1st, 2009.

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12. IDB Call for Proposals

In 2009 the IDB will dedicate its Flagship Report (Economic and Social Progress Report IPES) to an analysis of the determinants of growth and productivity. Coordinated by the Research Department (RES), the report seeks to better understand the effects--intentional or inadvertent--of different government policies on productivity levels and growth. Topics to be addressed include the effects of credit policies, social programs, infrastructure, trade openness, small- and medium-firm promotion, tax structure, labor regulations, and human capital policies, among others. Another objective is to examine the political economy behind the policies that affect productivity.

To this end, RES is launching three different calls for research proposals on different issues related to productivity. RES is now inviting researchers specializing in the areas of economic and social development to now present research proposals on the following subjects:

- Understanding Productivity Levels, Dispersion and Growth in Latin American and Caribbean Industries
- Estimating the Effect of Economic Policies on Productivity Growth in Latin America and The Caribbean
- The Political Economy of Productivity

For more information, please contact webmaster@iadb.org or visit <http://www.iadb.org/res/productivity.cfm> .

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13.IDRC Doctoral Research Awards

Since 1982, IDRC has assisted Canadian graduate students to undertake their thesis research in the field of international development. IDRC Doctoral Research Awards are intended to promote the growth of Canadian capacity in research on sustainable and equitable development from an international perspective. Normally, such research is conducted in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East or Asia.

Applications will be accepted for research at the doctoral level in areas corresponding to IDRC's research priorities. IDRC's research activities focus on four program areas: Social and Economic Policy; Environment and Natural Resource Management; Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for Development; Innovation, Policy and Science.

Next deadline: April 1, 2009 (awards will be announced in September 2009).

For more information, please contact:

IDRC Doctoral Research Awards

Centre Training and Awards Program (CTAP)

International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

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E-mail: cta@idrc.ca

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14.Organization for Tropical Studies - Research Fellowship Program

OTS fellowships are open to graduate students enrolled in degree programs at OTS member institutions and to OTS course alumni. Awards are intended to assist thesis-related field research in tropical biology and similar fields. Research fellowships are available in amounts up to \$5,000. Pilot awards for exploratory research are available in amounts up to \$2,500. Due to limitations on funds, proposals will only be accepted for research at OTS field stations (La Selva, Palo Verde, and Las Cruces), with the exception of one annual fellowship for research at the Cocha Cashu field station in Peru. Proposals for research at other sites will not be considered. Only one research award may be held at a time. Awards are intended to cover budget items such as travel, food, and lodging. Capital expenses such as equipment will receive lower priority. Salaries or stipends for the investigator are not allowed, but salaries for field assistants will be considered. Proposals may be submitted in English or Spanish. Notification of decisions will be about two months after each deadline; please plan accordingly. Successful applicants must complete the proposed research within the original time frame of the project approved for funding.

Next deadline for proposal reception: March 2, 2009.

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Organization for Tropical Studies

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15.Scholar Rescue Fund

Around the world, scholars have long suffered harassment, torture and persecution as a result of their work. In the worst cases, scholars pay with their lives for their dedication to scholarship and freedom of thought. The Institute of International Education (IIE), an independent nonprofit, has participated in the rescue of persecuted scholars since its founding in 1919. In 2002, IIE launched the Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) as a formalized response to this ongoing international dilemma. The Scholar Rescue Fund provides fellowships for established scholars whose lives and work are threatened in their home countries.

Candidates may apply directly or be nominated by a third-party. Although the SRF invites applications from individual scholars, it does not provide awards directly to individuals. Fellowships are awarded to the host institution, which in turn issues the fellowship award for direct support of the scholar grantee. Applications and nominations are accepted at any time throughout the year, on a rolling basis. Applications will be considered by the SRF Selection Committee at least three (3) times per year, generally in January, April, and October. Non-emergency applications must be received at least 4 weeks before a committee meeting in order to be considered. Decisions will be announced approximately two (2) weeks after each Selection Committee meeting.

For more information please contact:

Scholar Rescue Fund

Institute of International Education

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Fax: (USA) 1-212-984-5353

E-mail: SRF@iie.org

Web: <http://www.scholarrescuefund.org/pages/for-scholars/instructions-and-application.php>

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16. Schumpeter Fellowships for Future Leaders in Business Studies, Economics, Law, and the Social Sciences

The Schumpeter Fellowships – named after Joseph Alois Schumpeter, one of the most successful economists and social scientists of the 20th century – aim at supporting outstanding young scholars in economics, social science, and law who wish to open up new areas of research in interdisciplinary projects. The projects should fathom and transcend the boundaries of disciplines regarding subjects and methods or contribute to academic reorientation by cooperating beyond the common combination of disciplines. A prerequisite for eligibility is an outstanding PhD ("summa cum laude") obtained within the last five years.

Deadline for applications is March 31, 2009.

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17. Ford Foundation - International Fellowships Program

The International Fellowships Program (IFP) is a programme supported by the Ford Foundation and administered in West Africa by the Association of African Universities (AAU) in collaboration with Pathfinder International, Nigeria and West African Research Center (WARC) in Senegal. IFP provides fellowships for advanced study to individuals from Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal, who will use their education to further development in their own countries and greater social and economic justice worldwide. IFP fellowships will be awarded to applicants from diverse backgrounds, including social groups and communities that lack systematic access to higher education. It is expected that 46 Fellowships will be awarded in West Africa for the 2010/2011 academic year.

Deadline for applications is Friday, February 27, 2009. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted in May 2009.

For more information, please visit <http://www.fordifp.net/index.aspx?c=2> or contact: question@fordifp.net

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18. Visiting Fellowship for Distinguished Developing Country Candidates

The Center for Global Development (CGD), an independent Washington-based think tank, invites applications from leading scholars in developing countries for a visiting fellows program sponsored by Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The program offers one-year sabbatical support for a senior researcher from a developing country on leave from his or her host institution. The ideal candidate will be engaged in policy research in at least one of the areas of CGD focus: aid

effectiveness, trade, private sector development, financial markets, global health, or migration. S/he will be expected to participate in all facets of CGD's activities. The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Doctoral degree or equivalent in economics, political science or another relevant social science
- Proven track record of applying quantitative research to practical, real-world policy problems
- A distinguished record of publications
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Current employment at a university or research institution based in a developing country

Please send application materials to Ellen Mackenzie at hrjobs@cgdev.org by February 28, 2009 and indicate whether they are applying for the 2009/10 or 2010/11 academic year. CGD is committed to attracting and maintaining a diverse and dedicated workforce. Please use the title "IDRC Visiting Fellow" in all e-mail correspondence. No phone calls please. For more information about the Center for Global Development, see <http://www.cgdev.org>. For more information please visit: http://www.cgdev.org/section/about/employment/visiting_fellows_developing_countries

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19. Commonwealth Professional Fellowship

The Commission is currently inviting applications for Professional Fellowships for 2009-10. The Commission supports fellowships for mid-career professionals from developing countries to spend periods (typically three months) with a relevant UK host organisation in their field.

Approximately 65 Fellowships are awarded each year. Applications should be made by the UK host organisation, which can be from any sector. Applicants should be able to identify suitable candidates through existing organisational networks; the Commission is unable to provide a matching service for potential candidates and UK host organisations. Organisations can nominate up to four individual candidates for a Fellowship in 2009.

The deadline for applications to reach the Commission is the 30 April 2009. Only hard copy application forms can be accepted. Selection criteria: <http://www.cscuk.org.uk/docs/SelectionCriteriaProfFellows09.pdf>

For more information please contact:

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom

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Email: professional.fellowships@cscuk.org.uk

Web: http://www.cscuk.org.uk/apply/professional_fellowships.asp

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20. International Research Grants (IRG)

The International Research Grants (IRG) aims to forge and maintain strategic and intellectual alliances between individuals, institutions and organisations in the science research communities nationally and internationally to support the international competitiveness of the country. IRG is pleased to announce the first call for joint research project proposals between South African and German researchers, and invite all local researchers who wish to participate to submit their proposals **by 31 March 2009**.

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21. TWAS-COMSTECH Joint Research Grants for Young Scientists in OIC countries

TWAS and the OIC Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) are offering grants to scientists up to the age of 40 working in OIC countries. Grants of up to US\$15,000 are available in the following fields of science and technology: earth sciences, engineering sciences, information technology and computer sciences, materials science including nanotechnology, pharmaceutical sciences and renewable energy. The deadline for receiving applications is 31 August each year. Exceptionally for 2009 only, there is an **additional deadline of 31 March 2009**.

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22. The International Foundation for Science (IFS)

IFS calls for research grant applications from developing countries. The International Foundation for Science (IFS) provides support to young scientists of merit in developing countries by awarding research grants and providing grantees with additional services such as travel grants and purchasing assistance. The IFS supports research related to the renewable utilisation of biological resources in areas such as crop and animal production, forestry, food science, natural products, and

fisheries, as well as research on the sustainable utilisation and conservation of natural ecosystems, including themes such as water and biodiversity. Proposals for projects may address biological, chemical, or physical processes as well as social and economic relationships important in the conservation, production, and renewable utilisation of the biological resource base. Research grants are awarded up to a maximum value of USD 12,000 for a period of one to three years.

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23. Australian Leadership Awards Scholarships

The Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) Scholarships are a component of a regional program that aims to develop leadership and build partnerships and linkages within the Asia-Pacific. They are intended for those who are already leaders or have the potential to assume leadership roles that can influence social and economic policy reform and development outcomes, both in their own countries and in the Asia-Pacific region

Awards are open to all fields of study, however, study programs that relate to the priority themes of international trade, pandemics, security and climate change (including clean energy) are encouraged. Scholarships are not available for military training, or training in areas related to nuclear technology and flying aircraft.

AusAID will accept ALA Scholarship applications for the 2010 academic year **from March 2009 until June 30, 2009**. All applicants are required to submit an unconditional offer from an Australian University and IELTS or TOEFL Test results as evidence of their English Language Proficiency with their application. Please take steps to ensure that you meet these two criteria as soon as possible.

For more information and application form please visit: <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/ala.cfm> . If the material found on this website does not provide the necessary help, please direct enquiries by email to: ala@ausaid.gov.au .

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24. Auction Floor Conference for the environment - Brussels 13th March 2009

EuropeAid has the pleasure of announcing the first ever environmental " Auction Floor" conference that will take place in Brussels on 13th March 2009.

This "Auction Floor" aims to build effective and inclusive partnerships for environmental projects in developing countries by bringing together development actors and a wide range of potential donors including private sector foundations. Almost 100 environmental project proposals worldwide that are looking for funding are presented in a booklet available on the website. Match-making between donors and projects will be facilitated at the conference, with networking by sub-themes and regions. Donors will find easily find good quality projects to fund! Private sector participants will also get a chance to share what they are doing in terms of Corporate Social Responsibility. For further information please see enclosed agenda and our

website:http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/worldwide/environment/auction-floor_en.htm

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25. West African Research Center Travel Grant

The West African Research Center in Dakar, Senegal is offering travel bursaries which may be used assist in attend and present papers at academic conferences, to visit libraries or archives that contain resources necessary to the applicant's current academic work or to travel to a research site.

Upon completion of their research, grantees are required to submit a detailed report of their work and findings. This report will subsequently be published in the biannual West African Research Association (WARA).

Deadline: March 15, 2009 for travel to take place between July 1, 2009 and Dec. 31, 2009.

For more information, please contact:

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26. TWAS-AAS-Microsoft Grants for Meetings in Computer Science held in African countries

Founded in 1991, Microsoft Research is dedicated to conducting both basic and applied research in computer science and software engineering. Its goals are to enhance the user experience on computing devices, reduce the cost of writing and maintaining software, and invent novel computing technologies. With funds provided by Microsoft Research, TWAS and AAS encourage the organization of scientific activities on the theme of Computer Science in Africa by offering financial assistance to the organizers of conferences, workshops, symposia and special meetings held in Africa. The support is normally provided in the form of travel grants for principal speakers from abroad and/or participants from developing countries other than the country where the meeting is held. Supported speakers should be from not-for-profit research organizations. The amount provided does not exceed EUR 4,000. **Deadline is April 1st** for meetings to be held during July to December of the same year.

For more information and application form please visit: <http://www.aasciences.org/> .

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27. Call for Papers: 6TH AFRICAN FINANCE JOURNAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Research and Development in Development Finance

Date: 16 – 17th July, 2009

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28.Call for papers The Global Network for the Economics of Learning, Innovation, and Competence Building Systems (Globelics)

UNU-MERIT (Maastricht, The Netherlands)

CRES, UCAD (Dakar, Senegal)

Date: October 6-8, 2009

Place: Dakar, Senegal

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29. Foundation Center offers free online course for fundraising planning

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