



FORESTRY FUNDING NEWS
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Welcome to the July 2008 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) The National Forest Programme Facility invites countries to apply for a partnership

The National Forest Programme Facility ("Facility") is a funding mechanism; hosted by FAO since 2002, and operational in more than 60 countries in Africa, Near East, Asia & Pacific, and Latin America & Caribbean. The Facility supports implementation of national forest programmes (nfps), by stimulating the active participation of all stakeholders in the process.

Countries ranked as low and medium according to the UN Human Development Index are welcome to apply. Applications in the form of a Concept Note should be prepared by the Government, in consultation with the main stakeholders of the sector. and submitted to the Facility by the Government Agency nominated as Focal Point for the national forest programme. The Facility will provide new partner countries with a grant, 300,000 US\$ over a period of 3 years, in support of their national forest programme process.

Deadline for Submission of the Concept Note: 17 October 2008

For more information please contact:
National Forest Programme Facility
Forestry Department
FAO
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Rome – Italy
Fax: +39-06-570 55137
E-mail: nfp-facility@fao.org
Web: <http://www.nfp-facility.org/invitation/en/>

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2) 2008 Global Development Awards and Medals Competition

The Global Development Network (GDN) is pleased to announce the 2008 Global Development Awards and Medals Competition. This year's theme is *Natural Resource and Development*. The competition awards cash prizes and a round-trip airfare with all boarding and lodging expenses, to travel to Kuwait in January 2009 where the finalists will showcase their proposals/ papers/projects before an eminent jury for the final round. Submissions for fresh research proposals and completed research papers are now being accepted under the categories listed below.

The two awards and their categories open to competition are:

1. Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development: it's for applicants who have outstanding new research proposals that adds a unique dimension to research on any of the five topics listed below.
2. Medals for Research on Development: is offered for excellent completed research papers on any of the five topics listed below.

The focus of the research proposals/ papers must be on any one of the following five topics:

1. The Governance and Political Economy of Natural Resource Management
2. Exploitation of Natural Resources: Trends and Environmental Implications
3. The Economics of Natural Resource Management
4. Foreign Direct Investment and Natural Resources
5. Societies and Natural Resource Management

Deadlines: August 20, 2008 for the development project; September 5, for research proposals/papers.

For more information please contact:

GDN Secretariat

Address for registered mail and courier:

2ndFloor, West Wing, ISID Complex
Plot No. 4, Vasant Kunj Institutional Area
New Delhi 110 070
INDIA

Address for regular mail:

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Vasant Kunj P.O.
New Delhi 110 070
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Email: awards@gdnet.org

Web: www.gdnet.org/2008awards

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3) Proposal Writing Workshop on Neglected and Underutilized Species of Plants

Biodiversity, the GFU and IFS are pleased to announce a new initiative to develop the capacity of young scientists in Sub-Saharan Africa to carry out research on neglected and underutilized species. The theme of this initiative is orientated towards under-utilised species which will have a potential role in mitigating the effects of climate change in marginal agricultural zones with regard to their ability to withstand abiotic stresses such as drought and salinity. They invite young scientists interested in this theme to submit a Research Note and apply for participation in a proposal writing workshop in Nairobi, Kenya.

The workshop will be held from 24th -29th November, 2008.

Deadline for applications is 31 August 2008.

Applications should be sent to:

Elisabetta Rossetti

Biodiversity International

Via dei Tre Denari 472/a

000 57 Maccarese
Italy
Email: e.rossetti@cgiar.org
Tel: +39 066118207
Web: <http://www.bioversityinternational.org/index.php?id=189>

And copied to:
Richard A Hall
International Foundation for Science
Karlavägen 108
Se 11526, Stockholm
Sweden
Tel +46 8 545 818 14
Email: richard.hall@ifs.se

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4) UNESCO MAB Young Scientists Awards: helping young people help the planet

MAB is since 1989 providing 10 young researchers each year with awards up to US\$5,000 in support of their research on ecosystems, natural resources and biodiversity. Through the MAB Young Scientists Awards, MAB is investing in a new generation of scientists worldwide because with think well-trained and committed young people are key to addressing ecological and sustainability issues. The MAB Young Scientists Awards targets young researchers carrying-out interdisciplinary research in line with UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme. Priority is given to projects carried-out in biosphere reserves, on the theme of ecosystems and water. **The deadline for application is 30 September 2008.**

For more information please contact:
MAB Secretariat, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO
1, rue Miollis 75732 Paris Cedex 15 France
Fax: +(33-1) 45.68.58.04
E-mail: mab.awards@unesco.org
Web: <http://www.unesco.org/mab/bursaries/mys.shtml>

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5) Whitley Awards 2009

The Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) is a UK registered charity offering a range of Awards and grants to outstanding nature conservationists around the world. They are now receiving applications for The Whitley Awards 2009.

A Whitley Award is a top nature conservation prize, designed to provide the winner with: international recognition that enhances their credibility; worldwide media visibility for their project; financial support to pursue their ongoing conservation work; a supportive international network of other Whitley Award winners and Friends through which to solicit advice and support.

The new application form and Guidance Notes are available on the Applications page.

The deadline for applications is Friday 31st October 2008.

For more information please contact:

The Whitley Fund for Nature

50 Queensdale Road

London

W11 4SA

United Kingdom

Email: info@whitleyaward.org

Phone: +44 (0)20 7602 3443

Web: <http://www.whitley-award.org/>

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6) Future Conservationist Awards

The Conservation Leadership Programme is offering Future Conservationist Awards of up to \$12,500 to high potential teams who aim to develop their skills through practical conservation projects. These awards are highly competitive and winners are selected from amongst the best quality applications. There will be \$250,000 worth of funding available for the Future Conservationist Award winning projects in 2009.

To apply for a 2009 Conservation Follow-up Award, project teams must submit a completed application form in English to the CLP **by 6th November 2008**. The updated guidelines and application form will be available soon on their website.

For more information please contact:

Conservation Leadership Programme

BirdLife International

Wellbrook Court

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Cambridge, CB3 0NA

United Kingdom

Phone: +44 (01223) 277318

Fax: +44 (01223) 277200

Email: clp@birdlife.org

Web: <http://conservation.bp.com/FutureConservationistAward.asp>

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7) 2008/2009 New Mexico Forest Re-leaf Grand Guidelines

The Forestry Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) and the New Mexico Forest ReLeaf Program invite you to submit a tree planting grant proposal for the 2008/2009 grant cycle. Grant proposal applications must be received at the Forestry Division Santa Fe Office **by 3 p.m., on Friday, September 26, 2008**.

The Forestry Division Forest ReLeaf Program Manager will notify all applicants in **November 2008** of proposal funding status. Successful grant applicants will enter

into a Grant Award Agreement (GAA) with EMNRD. After all parties have signed the agreement, the grantee will be given official notice to proceed.

Complete proposal consisting of the original and four copies (with copy on 3 ½" diskette or CD, if possible), must be mailed or delivered to the following address.

Mail to:

Lance Davisson
NM Forest ReLeaf Program Manager
Forestry Division - Santa Fe Office
PO Box 1948
Santa Fe, NM 875041948

Web: [http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/FD/documents/2008-09 Re-Leaf Guidelines 000.pdf](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/FD/documents/2008-09_Re-Leaf_Guidelines_000.pdf)

Deliver to:

Santa Fe Office
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico
(Wendell Chino Building)

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8) Think Tank Initiative - First Call for Expressions of Interest: East and West Africa

The Think Tank Initiative is a new, multi-donor program dedicated to strengthening independent policy research institutions – or “think tanks” – in developing countries, enabling them to better provide sound research that both informs and influences policy. The Initiative will focus its activities in East and West Africa, South Asia, and Latin America. The 'Think Tank Initiative' invites applications from independent African organisations that are committed to using research to inform and influence social and economic policy. The Initiative will provide multi-year funding to promising think tanks, and will work with successful applicants to improve their organizational performance.

Deadline: August 19, 2008.

For further information and for application please contact:

IDRC Regional Office for Eastern and Southern Africa
Think Tank Initiative
Liaison House, 2nd and 3rd Floors
State House Avenue
PO Box 62084
Nairobi, Kenya
IDRC Regional Office for West and Central Africa
Think Tank Initiative
PO Box 11007 Peytavin
Dakar, Senegal
Email: thinktank@idrc.ca
Web: www.idrc.ca/thinktank

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9) Netherlands Committee of the IUCN - Ecosystem Grants Programme

The Ecosystem Grants Programme (EGP) of IUCN NL funds projects of local non-government organizations in the South that link ecosystem conservation and poverty issues. **15 September 2008 12.00 GMT is the deadline** for pre-proposals from the

following regions/countries: Central Africa (DRC, Congo/B, C.A.R., Rwanda, Burundi, Eq. Guinea, Cameroon); West Africa (Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Togo, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Sierra Leone); Parana-Paraguay Basin (Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina as far as located in the basin); Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea); Guiana Shield Region (Surinam, Guyana, Venezuela, Colombia, and Brazil as far as located in the Guiana Shield).

For more information please contact:

IUCN NL National Committee
Ecosystem Grants Programme
Plantage Middenlaan 2K
1018 DD, Amsterdam
The Netherlands

Email: proposals@iucn.nl

Tel: 0031 20 6261732

Fax: 0031 20 6279349

Web: http://www.nciucn.nl/funds/ecosystem_grants_programme/

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10) Netherlands Committee of the IUCN – Small Grants for the Purchase of Nature (SPN)

The objective of this fund is the purchase of vulnerable nature, with the aim to conserve biodiversity for the long term. Please send a pre-proposal to NCIUCN first. NGOs from Eastern Europe and CIS countries should contact the secretariat of the EECONET Action Fund. **The deadline for preproposals is 1 September 2008.**

For more information please contact:

IUCN Nederlands Comité
Plantage Middenlaan 2K
1018 DD Amsterdam

Tel. + 31 (0) 20 626 17 32

Fax + 31 (0) 20 627 93 49

Email: mail@iucn.nl or spn@iucn.nl

Web: <http://www.iucn.nl/fondsen/>

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11) UNFCCC Fellowship Programme

The United Nations Climate Change secretariat announces the launch of its fellowship programme, the objective of which is to contribute to building capacity for

addressing climate change in Parties not included to Annex I to the Convention, in particular Parties that are Small Island developing States or least developed countries. The programme aims to develop local professional expertise by: supporting innovative analytical work on climate change in the context of sustainable development; promoting a network of experts who can bring creative and innovative options to bear on questions of climate change; encouraging the leadership potential of promising young professionals in their fields. The target group for the programme is mid-career professionals who are already employed by a government and who are nationals of, and working in, a developing country, preferably a small island developing State or least developed country.

For the first round of the fellowship programme, candidates are encouraged to complete and submit their **applications by 31 August 2008**.

For more information please contact:

Ms. Laurence Pollier, Programme Officer, Capacity-Building and Outreach Unit,
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Web: http://unfccc.int/secretariat/fellowship_programme/items/4429.php

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12) Call for proposals: Research Awards in Environmental Economics for SE Asian Scholars.

The theme of EEPSEA's research program is the internalization of external costs. There is widespread interest in minimizing pollution and resource degradation by insuring that economic agents face the full costs of their activities. But many questions remain to be answered: What is the economic value of the environmental damage incurred by a given activity? What roles can sectoral, macroeconomic and trade policies play in achieving full-cost pricing? What roles do community management of resources, changes in property rights and other institutional factors play? What factors affect the political and administrative feasibility of price changes? Does full-cost pricing have negative effects on the poor and how might these be mitigated? What are the alternatives to pricing policy? What are the implications of full-cost pricing for economic growth and structural change?

The next EEPSEA workshop will be held from November 16 to 19, 2008.

The deadline for new proposals to be considered for the workshop is August 1, 2008.

For more information please contact:

Dr. Herminia A. Francisco

Director, EEPSEA

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South Bridge Court, Singapore 048421
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Tel: (65) 6439-6882
Fax: (65) 6438-4844
Web: www.eepsea.org or
http://www.eepsea.org/ev_en.php?ID=7721_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC

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13) Call for proposals: Cross-country Research Project: Enhancing Household and Community Adaptive Capacity in Dealing with Climate Change in South Asia

Established in 1993, the Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA) supports training and research in environmental & resource economics. Researchers from Southeast Asian countries are eligible to apply. EEPSEA encourages research groups to be interdisciplinary in their approach in order to allow for a holistic analysis of the topic. Proposals with a strong theoretical foundation are preferred. Qualified research teams from several countries will work together, allowing for learning across countries and greater policy value of the research findings.

Please visit the EEPSEA website at www.eepsea.org for guidelines on research proposals submitted to EEPSEA.

The deadline for the proposal is September 1, 2008.

For more information please contact:
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Tel: (65) 6439-6882
Fax: (65) 6438-4844
Web: www.eepsea.org or http://www.idrc.ca/eepsea/ev-127576-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

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14) African Fellows Programme (AFP)

The Rothamsted International African Fellows Programme aims to provide problem-focused training in Europe for mid-career African scientists.

The purpose of the programme is to assist in capacity building, institutional strengthening and knowledge transfer in order to find relevant solutions to the problems of achieving sustainable agricultural production, as well as improving rural development and conservation of biodiversity. The development of effective partnerships is fundamental to ensuring the success of the programme in order to build long-term strategic alliances.

Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis through an assessment panel and will normally be for periods of 6 months although they can vary from 4 to 12 months depending on the nature of the project. Projects on food processing will NOT be supported, nor can the programme support field work in Africa. MSc and PhD studies are outside the remit of the programme.

The deadline for pre-proposals is 5pm Wednesday 6th August 2008.

For more information please contact:

Rothamsted International

Harpenden Hertfordshire AL5 2JQ, United Kingdom

Telephone: ++ 44 (0) 1582 763133, ext. 2441 /2810 / 2475

Email: rothamsted.international@bbsrc.ac.uk

Web: <http://www.rothamsted-international.org/index.shtml>

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15) MSc Thesis Research Fellowship in Agroforestry and Natural Resources Management

SEANAFAE is now accepting applicants for the second batch of its MS Research Fellowship. Applicants must be nationals of its member countries (i.e. Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam). A total of 10 fellowships shall be awarded at US\$1,500/grantee. The research should be in one of the following areas: improving marketing of agroforestry tree products for smallholders; developing forestry and environmental policies for multifunctional landscapes with trees; improving ability of farmers, ecosystems, and governments to cope with climate change through agroforestry systems. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with on-going research projects on the above topics such as at:

- World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) www.worldagroforestry.org/sea
- National Agroforestry Education Networks/ Universities
- National Agriculture/Forestry Research Institutes

Deadline for application is 1 August 2008.

For more information please contact:

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Institute of Renewable Natural Resources, College of Forestry & Natural Resources

University of the Philippines Los Baños

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Email: wm_carandang@yahoo.com

Web: <http://www.worldagroforestry.org/sea/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=z5onXJy63BY%3d&tabid=53&mid=641>

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16) European Science Foundation (ESF) Research Networking Programmes - 2008 Call for Proposals

An ESF Research Networking Programme is a networking activity bringing together nationally funded research activities for four to five years, to address a major

scientific issue or a science-driven topic of research infrastructure, at the European level with the aim of advancing the frontiers of science. Key objectives include: creating interdisciplinary fora; sharing knowledge and expertise; developing new techniques; and training young scientists. A successful programme proposal must show high scientific quality and also demonstrate added value by being carried out at a European level rather than by individual research groups at the national level. Proposals may be submitted in any or across several of the following broad scientific fields: biomedical sciences; life, earth and environmental physical and engineering sciences humanities; social sciences; science driven issues of research infrastructures in any of the above fields. Multi-, inter- or trans- disciplinary proposals are encouraged. Proposals may be submitted by researchers from European universities or research institutes in countries having agencies that are ESF Member Organisations (MOs). Proposals may have co-proposers from non-ESF member countries. In this case, the co-proposers should assure their share of funding through their own sources (see Proposals with a "global" dimension). **Deadline for receipt of proposals: 23 October 2008 (16:00 CET).**

For more information please contact:

European Science Foundation

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Strasbourg Cedex, France

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Fax: +33 (0) 388370532

Web:<http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/rnp-call-for-proposals.html>

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17) SEARCA Research Grants for NRM Implementation Issues

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) invites qualified SGP-PTF (Small Grant Program for operations to Promote Tropical Forest in southeast Asia) partners to avail of the Research Grants. These Grants may be used to study institutional and technical issues and opportunities arising from implementation of SGPPTF micro grants on community forestry and local forest governance. If you think research can help you address an issue important to the community forestry movement in your country and if you have a research track record, then this might be for you. SEARCA, through its Seed Fund for Strategic Research and Training (SFRT) Program, has allocated funds to support research and training projects that promote natural resource management and agricultural competitiveness in the region. The SFRT provides chosen research and training project proposals with limited start-up funds ranging from US\$10,000 to US\$15,000, intended to enhance the chances of securing long-term support from donor agencies. Southeast Asian scientists and researchers who have high quality research and training background, and do not have significant funding support are eligible to apply.

Deadline of submission is 1 September of every year.

For more information please contact:

Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture

SEARCA, College, Laguna 4031, Philippines
Tel.: (63-49) 536-7164
Fax: (63-49) 536 7097
Email: sfirt@agri.searca.org
Web: <http://web.searca.org/announcements.asp?PageID=409>

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18) SEARCA Graduate Scholarship for MS/PhD

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) invites applications for its graduate scholarship (MS and PhD) in agriculture and related fields (including biological sciences, social sciences, economics and statistics, forestry and fisheries, environmental sciences, agro-industrial technology and engineering, and biochemistry) for **School Year 2009-2010**. The scholarship is open to Southeast Asian nationals who are regular employees of academic or research institutions or government agencies and not older than 35 years old. Applicants may submit their applications to their countries' respective Ministries of Education, Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Environment and Natural Resources, or Rural Development. The Ministries will then screen and endorse their applications and submit the list of qualified applicants accompanied by the complete set of requirements to SEARCA not later than **30 July 2008**. Applicants should inquire with their respective Ministries regarding the Ministries' closing date for receiving SEARCA applications, which they will screen and endorse to SEARCA.

For more information please contact:
Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture
SEARCA, College, Laguna 4031, Philippines
Tel.: (63-49) 536-7164
Fax: (63-49) 536 7097
Email: gdsd@agri.searca.org or ecc@agri.searca.org
Web: http://www.searca.org/web/scholarship/regular_scholarships/degree/index.html

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19) TWOWS Postgraduate Training Fellowships for Women Scientists

The Third World Organisation for Women in Science (TWOWS), an international autonomous organisation based in Trieste, Italy, offers fellowships to women scientists from sub-Saharan Africa and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to pursue postgraduate research leading to a PhD at centres of excellence in the South. Fellowships are awarded in one of the following fields of basic sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics.

The closing date for submission of applications has been extended to 31 July 2008.

For more information please contact:
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Italy

Phone: +39 040 2240-321

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E-mail: info@twows.org

Web: <http://www.aasciences.org/content/view/40/33/> or <http://www.twows.org/>

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20) Two Biosafety Fellowships at the ICGEB

The International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) is currently offering two biosafety fellowships in the framework of a new capacity building initiative focused on Sub-Saharan Africa. The ICGEB is an international, intergovernmental organisation conceived as a centre of excellence for research and training in genetic engineering and biotechnology with special regard to the needs of the developing world, and has developed a comprehensive programme on biosafety centred on capacity building and dissemination of scientific information.

The fellows will be trained, initially in ICGEB's Biosafety Unit, Trieste, Italy to become "Biosafety Specialists" for the focal points envisaged in Southern Africa.

The fellowships are for a period of 3 years with an annual remuneration of 24,000 Euro per annum, and travel to and from the fellow's country of origin or South Africa (whichever is most pertinent), as well as medical insurance for the duration of the fellowship, will be provided.

Deadline for application is 15 August 2008.

For more information please contact:

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Fax: +39-040-226555

Email: craig@icgeb.org or biosafe@icgeb.org

Web: <http://www.icgeb.org/~bsafesrv/pdf/files/vacancy%20notice.pdf> or

<http://www.twows.org/>

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21) START'S 2009: Call for Pre-Proposals for the African Small Grants 2009

The global change System for Analysis, Research and Training (START) seeks to enhance scientific capacity for global environmental change (GEC) research in developing regions. START promotes regional collaborative research networks to: conduct research on regional aspects of environmental change; assess impacts and vulnerabilities to such changes, and provide information to policy-makers. Grants generally do not exceed US\$15,000.

START's activities in Africa are coordinated by the Pan-African Committee for START. The Pan-African START Secretariat is based at the Institute of Resource Assessment at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Pre-Proposals are due by midnight (24:00) US Eastern Time on Friday, 15 August 2008.

Inquires and correspondence should be directed via e-mail to:

Charles S. Kauffman

Email: caskauffman@agu.org

International START Secretariat

2000 Florida Ave. NW, Suite 200

Washington, DC 20009 USA

Tel: 1-202-462-2213

Fax: 1-202-457-5859

Web: http://www.start.org/Program/African_sm_grants.html

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22) RIU's African Innovation Challenge Fund - Call for Proposals

Second RIU Call for Proposals for the Innovation Challenge Fund: Phase 2 Africa. The purpose of the African Innovation Challenge Fund (African ICF) is to provide financial support to teams so they can take promising research, funded by DFID, to the next stage of use. The selected initiatives will contribute to RIU's purpose by delivering significant use of RNRRS and other natural resources research outputs for the benefit (direct or indirect) of poor men and women in different contexts.

The RIU Innovation Challenge Fund Africa will focus on the following countries in sub Saharan Africa: Ghana, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, S.Africa, Senegal, Mali and Niger (Total 10 countries).

Closing date for submission of Concept Notes: Monday, 1st September, 12 noon (GMT+1).

For more information please contact:

Lucy Nickoll: l.nickoll@nrint.co.uk

Web: <http://www.scidev.net/en/grants/riu-s-african-innovation-challenge-fund-call-for-p.html>

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23) Research Fellowship Program

The Research Fellowship Program (RFP) is administered by WCS-Global Conservation's Training & Capacity Building Program and jointly funded by the Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP). The RFP is a small grants program designed to build capacity for the next generation of conservationists through supporting individual field research projects that have a clear application to the conservation of threatened wildlife and wildlife habitat. They seek projects that are based on sound and innovative conservation science and that encourage practices in conservation that can contribute to sustainable development. Most of the

grantees are professional conservationists from the country of research and/or post-graduates pursuing a higher degree.

While all applications to work in Asian, African, and Latin American countries are considered, CLP funding is restricted to nationals from the following countries: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Egypt, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Russia, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey and Venezuela. The RFP does not support research in North America (except as mentioned above), Australia, New Zealand, Europe or their territories, or Japan. Grants are for up to \$25,000. The average grant is \$10,500.

The next deadline is 15 September 2008

For more information please contact:
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Web: <http://www.grassland.org.za/funding-opportunities/wildlife-conservation-society-research-fellowship-program/>

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24) Nile Basin Research Programme (NBRP) - Call for 10 guest researchers, spring 2009

The Nile Basin Research Programme (NBRP) is a strategic, multidisciplinary programme for research and education on topics related to the Nile Basin. The research topic for spring 2009 is: Climate Change and Challenges of Biodiversity. Each researcher is supposed to stay at the University of Bergen for a five month period. The researchers will be given Norwegian standard salary. They are supposed to take part in seminars and to write an article/ a paper/ a chapter during the stay in Bergen. They are also supposed to follow up the research when they return to their country. NBRP will organize seminars and lectures by leading scholars from all over the world.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE SCHOLARS AND/OR RESEARCHERS HOLDING POSITIONS AT INSTITUTIONS IN THE NILE BASIN REGION. THE TEN COUNTRIES RECOGNISED AS THE NILE BASIN REGION ARE, ALPHABETICALLY: BURUNDI, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, EGYPT, ERITREA, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, RWANDA, SUDAN, TANZANIA AND UGANDA.

Application deadline is October 1st, 2008.

For more information please contact:
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Programme Coordinator, Mr. Bård Hekland (bard.hekland@global.uib.no)
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25) World Forest Institute - International Fellowship Program

The World Forest Institute (WFI) Fellowship Program brings young forestry and forest products professionals from around the world to work at the World Forest Institute for 6 to 12 months. The Fellowship Program offers participants many opportunities, such as: conducting studies in the Pacific Northwest related to forestry; meeting with many different forestry organizations and corporations; building a network of forestry contacts; and promoting the dissemination and exchange of information regarding global forest resources and their utilization.

Fellows leave the program with a solid understanding of how the US forestry sector operates and who the key players are. Additionally, fellows gain invaluable cultural experience and English language skills. WFI's Fellowship Program is a blend of research, information training, networking, and cultural exchange. There are currently three main components to the program: conducting a Project; networking with public and private forestry organizations in the US, especially in the Pacific Northwest; and representing the Home Country.

For more information please contact:
The World Forestry Center
4033 SW Canyon Road Portland OR 97221
Phone: 503-228-1367
Email: sarawu@worldforestry.org
Web: <http://wfi.worldforestrycenter.org/fellowship-1.htm>

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26) Fellowships offered by the NAM S&T Centre for 2008

In line with its resolute efforts to promote the South-South and North-South cooperation in science and technology, the Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre; www.namstct.org) is currently executing the below-mentioned three Fellowship schemes that aim at supporting the deserving young scientists and researchers in the developing countries to upgrade their academic and research skills and invites applications from suitable candidates for the year 2008.

I. Joint NAM S&T Centre - ZMT Bremen (Germany) Fellowship in Ecology and Biogeochemistry of Tropical Coastal Marine Systems.

II. Joint NAM S&T Centre - ICCBS (Karachi, Pakistan) Fellowship in Natural Products Chemistry, Drugs and Pharmaceuticals.

III. NAM S&T Centre Research Fellowship in Any Scientific Field (for Scientists exclusively from the Member Countries of the NAM S&T Centre).

Applications for each of the fellowships may be submitted in prescribed format directly to the NAM S&T Centre. There is no last date for submitting applications,

they will be considered on first-come-first basis depending upon the availability of the seats.

For further information and for application please contact:
Centre for Science & Technology of Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries
(NAM S&T Centre)
Core 6A, 2nd Floor, India Habitat Centre
Lodhi Road
New Delhi 110 003
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Email: namstct@gmail.com or namstct@vsnl.com
Web: <http://www.scidev.net/en/grants/fellowships-offered-by-the-nam-st-centre-for-2008.html>

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27) British Ecological Society (BES) Overseas Bursaries

This scheme provides grants for ecologists in developing countries to carry out innovative ecological research. It aims to support excellent ecological science in Africa. Currently the grants are restricted to citizens of Africa. Each grant is normally up to GBP 7,000 over an 18 month period and is intended for the purchase of the basic tools needed to conduct a research project, limited in-country travel and in some cases part of the applicant's salary.

The deadline for applications is 1 September 2007.

For more information please contact:
The British Ecological Society
26 Blades Court
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Web: www.britishecologicalsociety.org/articles/grants/research/obf/

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28) IIE International Human Rights Internship Program – Professional Development and Exchange Project Grants 2008/2009

The goal of the International Human Rights Internship Program is to promote observance of the International Bill of Human Rights by facilitating the development of human rights organizations and the human rights movement as a whole. IHRIP pursues its goal in collaboration with human rights activists from around the world by: supporting professional development/exchange projects for staff of human rights

organizations that are designed to enhance the capacities of those organizations; and developing a range of resources to enhance human rights work that draw on the knowledge and experiences of activists, and are designed to assist NGOs in their work. HRIP seeks to facilitate this exchange of knowledge and experience through sponsoring: professional development and exchange projects for staff of human rights organizations; and the development of written resources focused on specific areas of human rights work. A project can be: a professional attachment; an on-site training; or a study tour.

Deadlines for applications: August 31, 2008 and December 31, 2008.

For more information please contact:

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TRAINING COURSES, MEETINGS AND MISCELLANEOUS

29) **Forest Fires 2008 - International Conference on Modelling, Monitoring and Management of Forest Fires Call for papers**

Papers are invited on the topics outlined and others falling within the scope of the meeting. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted **as soon as possible**. The organization strongly encourages the submission of abstracts electronically.

The conference is organised by: Wessex Institute of Technology, UK, and University of Castilla - La Mancha, Spain

For more information please contact:

Wessex Institute of Technology

Ashurst Lodge

Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7AA, UK

Tel: 44(0) 238 029 3223

Fax: 44(0) 238 029 2853

Email: enquiries@wessex.ac.uk

Web: <http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2008/fires08/index.html>

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30) West African Research Center (WARC) Travel Grant 2008-2009

The WARC Travel Grant program promotes intra-African cooperation and exchange among researchers and institutions by providing support to African scholars and graduate students for research visits to other institutions on the continent. The West African Research Center in Dakar, Senegal offers travel costs up to \$1250 and a stipend of \$1250 to selected scholars. This competition is open only to West African nationals affiliated with institutions of higher education. Travel grant funds may be used to: attend and present papers at academic conferences relevant to the applicant's field of research; visit libraries or archives that contain resources necessary to the applicant's current academic work; engage in collaborative work with colleagues at another institution; and travel to a research site.

Application deadlines 2008-2009: no earlier than July 1, 2008 and **no later than September 15, 2008** for travel to take place between Jan. 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009; and no earlier than January 1, **2009 and no later than March 15, 2009** for travel to take place between July 1, 2009 and Dec. 31, 2009.

All materials should be submitted by mail to:
West African Research Center/Centre de Recherche Ouest Africaine
B.P. 5456 (Fann Residence)
Rue E x Léon G. Damas
Dakar , Senegal
Tel: 221-865-22-77; Fax: 221-824-20-58
Email: warc_croa@yahoo.fr

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31) International Training Course on In Vitro and Cryopreservation Techniques for Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources

The International Training Course is being organized by the NBPGR-Bioversity International Centre of Excellence on In Vitro Conservation and Cryopreservation Techniques for Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources.

This course aims to: improve skills of participants in using tissue culture techniques for conservation and management of PGR; equip participants with essential knowledge necessary for developing and using cryopreservation techniques; enhance the use of *in vitro* conservation and cryopreservation protocols for germplasm of crops relevant in their countries; acquaint the participants with molecular techniques for PGR management.

Deadline for applications: 30th August 2008.

The application form may be downloaded from
<http://www.bioversityinternational.org/index.php?id=272>

It should be completed and sent to:
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National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources
Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012, India
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Fax: +91-11-25842495

Email: director@nbpgr.ernet.in

or

The South Asia Coordinator
Biodiversity International, Sub-regional Office for
South Asia
NASC Complex
Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110012, India
Tel: +91-11-25847546/47
Fax: +91-11-25849899
Email: p.mathur@cgiar.org

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32) The 2nd World Congress on Agroforestry – The Future of Global Land Use. 23-28 August 2009, Nairobi, Kenya

The 2nd World Congress on Agroforestry will assess opportunities to leverage scientific agroforestry in promoting sustainable land use worldwide. The Congress will serve as a forum for agroforestry researchers, educators, practitioners and policy makers from around the world to:

- Share new research findings, lessons, experiences, and ideas that will help influence decisions that impact on livelihoods and the global environment
- Explore new opportunities and cement exciting partnerships in agroforestry research, education, training, and development
- Form new networks and communities of practice, and nurture old ones

The deadline for submitting paper abstracts (300 words maximum): 31st August 2008

Please contact any of the following for information about participation, co-sponsorship and organizing a symposium or technical session:

Dr. Dennis Garrity, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), Kenya: d.garrity@cgiar.org

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