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The Microinsurance Innovation Facility

Housed at the International Labour Organization's Social Finance Programme, the Microinsurance Innovation Facility seeks to increase the availability of quality insurance for the developing world's low-income families to help them guard against risk and overcome poverty. The Facility was launched in 2008 with the support of a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Over the next five years, the Facility will provide innovation grants, fund technical assistance, conduct research and disseminate information to enable insurance products and delivery models to provide better protection to the working poor. The Microinsurance Innovation Facility and the European Development Research Network (EUDN) invite academic researchers to submit proposals for research that will contribute new knowledge to support microinsurance development in developing countries.

The deadline for proposals is 30 October 2009.

For further information, please contact

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Oceania Development Network Research Competition

The Oceania Development Network (ODN) invites development researchers residing within the Oceania region and who are citizens of a Pacific Island country and those living outside of the region who are willing to act as senior researchers/mentors to groups of young Oceania researchers to enter its regional research project competition. Proposals should be from younger/junior researchers.

The deadline for proposals is 30 August 2009.

Contact

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Global Fund for Community Foundations

The Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF) seeks to strengthen and promote institutions of local philanthropy around the world so that they can realize their potential as key players in the development process.

The Fund makes small grants to develop the capacities of community foundations and other local philanthropic institutions which are grantmakers and which raise funds from local sources.

Deadline for full applications is September 30th 2009.

Contact

Global Fund for Community Foundations

c/o European Foundation Centre

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Telephone: +32 2 508 3064 (Global Fund's direct line)

or +32 2 512 8938 (EFC's main switchboard)

Fax: +32 2 512 3265

Belgium

Web: <http://www.wings-globalfund.org/apply-how-to.php>

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Carbon Trust

The Carbon Trust's mission is to accelerate the move to a low carbon economy, by working with organisations to reduce carbon emissions now and develop commercial low carbon technologies for the future.

The current call for applications is now open, for more information and to register, please visit the website:

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch>

This call closes on 17th September 2009, 4pm.

Contact

The Carbon Trust Head Office:

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Anthropology & Environment Small Grants Program

The goal of the Anthropology & Environment Section's Small Grants Program is to foster collaboration among practicing and academic anthropologists, grassroots activists, and/or organizations and inspire innovative solutions to environmental issues. The small grants program is particularly interested in projects that facilitate communication and brainstorming between groups or that lead to program or institution building necessary to form innovative solutions. Proposals may address local, national or global concerns, issues, or problems. **The deadline for proposals in 2009 is September 30, 2009.** Please send proposals, acceptable in the following format only, and questions about the program via email to Dr. Janis Alcorn, at janisalcorn@yahoo.com in advance of the deadline.

For more information

<http://www.eanth.org/Awards.php?Award=SmallGrants.htm>

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DFID Mini Grants Scheme

Each year DFID provides funds to organisations in the UK for projects which raise awareness of global poverty, how it is being tackled, and how we can all get involved. The DFID Mini Grants Scheme is aimed at organisations, networks and groups which want to run small projects which will raise awareness of international development issues in their community. DFID provides grant funding of £1,000 to £10,000 per year, for up to 3 years.

Project proposals must be submitted by 31 October 2009.

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Web: <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Media-Room/News-Stories/2009/DFID-Mini-Grants-Scheme-2009/>

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2009 Global Development Awards and Medals Competition

GDN now invites researchers from developing and transition countries to submit new research proposals, completed research papers and proposals for scaling-up development projects. The three research themes seek to explore pressing global issues - globalization and regulation, international migration and regional integration. The Competition, funded by the Government of Japan; Luxembourg

Ministry of Finance and the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs offers cash prizes and travel expenses to finalists to present their research/proposals at GDN's next conference in Prague in January 2010.

The deadline for development projects is August 24 and for research proposals/papers is September 30, 2009.

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http://www.gdnet.org/cms.php?id=gdnet_awards_and_medals_2009_feature

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Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund)

The Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) is an international philanthropic organization that identifies projects and programs to advance knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry for the benefit of people, trees and the environment. We promote research-based tree care for current and future generations.

The goal of the John Z. Duling Grant Program is to provide seed money or partial support for research and technology transfer projects that advance arboricultural knowledge and address topics that have the potential of benefiting the everyday work of arborists. Projects are expected to be completed within one to three years. Grant award amounts will vary depending on the adjudged value of the project relative to the needs of the arboriculture community. Awards are limited to a maximum of \$10,000 and no project will receive more than one award from this program. Please note that funds cannot be used to pay for overhead expenses or student tuition and fees.

Submission deadline is November 1st 2009.

For more information and application please contact

Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund
552 So. Washington St., Suite 109
Naperville, IL 60540
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Fax: (630) 369-8382

Web: https://fs2.formsite.com/TREEFund/JohnZDulingGrant/secure_index.html

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SITA Trust Enriching Nature Programme

Enriching Nature is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for wildlife projects. They provide funding to support species and habitats that have been identified as a priority by the Biodiversity Action Planning process. SITA Trust can fund physical improvements at specified sites, as well as monitoring and research at specific sites.

Next deadlines are 24th November 2009 for Large Grants Scheme and 14th October 2009 for Small Grants Scheme.

For more information, please contact

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Web: <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply>

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ATREE Grant 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.

Deadline for submitting proposals: (in two rounds)

Next deadline (second round): 15th November, 2009.

For more information, please contact

ATREE

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Bangalore-560064

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Fax : 080- 23530070
Email : info@atree.org
Web: http://www.atree.org/small_grants_2009.html

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Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR) Grant Program

Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR) is a Quaker-organisation, which primarily works with newly established and small organizations in the developing world. SRWR's grants support innovative income-generating projects and environmental regeneration (reforestation, agro-forestry, alternative energy sources). Project grants may be used for: revolving loan for seed money, start-up supplies and equipment essential for the project, training, salary for persons needed to oversee the project, travel expenses, administrative expenses such as the cost of preparing and mailing reports to RSWR. RSWR has two funding cycles.

The next deadline is December 31 2009 (for decisions in April 2010).

For more information please contact

Right Sharing of World Resources
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765.966.0325 - Fax
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Web: <http://www.rswr.org>

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Scientific Capacity Building/Enhancement for Developing Countries (CAPaBLE)

CAPaBLE proposals should be in the area of global change and sustainable development with specific emphasis on: Scientific Capacity Development, Science-Policy Interfacing, Awareness Raising Activities and Dissemination Activities. The CAPaBLE programme enhances scientific capacity in developing countries to improve decision-making in focus areas of global change and sustainable development. Proposed activities for funding from April 2010 should be aimed at providing scientists (particularly emerging, developing-country scientists) with opportunities for scientific capacity development in topics of interest under the CAPaBLE Programme. Special emphasis is placed on targeting developing country scientists in the Asia-Pacific region; targeting specific topics in the area of global change and sustainable development and partnership activities, as outlined in the APN's Second Strategic Plan (available for download on the APN website); and dissemination activities for policy- and decision-makers and civil society.

All proponents interested in submitting a proposal to the APN under its CAPaBLE Call for Proposals must submit a Summary Proposal with a carbon copy to the nFP and to the SPG member from the proponent's country, following the guidelines and template specified in this guideline by the deadline of 14 August 2009, Friday, midnight (24:00) – Japanese Standard Time. Successful proponents will proceed to Stage 2 and will be invited to submit a Full Proposal for further consideration for APN funding. **The full proposal must follow the instructions and format specified in this guideline, and must be received by the APN Secretariat no later than 16 October 2009, Friday, midnight (24:00) – Japanese Standard Time.**

Contacts

Proposals should be submitted to the APN Secretariat by email to: CAPaBLE-Proposals@apn-gcr.org

Additional information or queries should be directed to APN's Scientific Officer, Linda Stevenson at l Stevenson@apn-gcr.org and Coordinator, Kristine Garcia at kgarcia@apn-gcr.org

Website: <http://www.apn-gcr.org/en/capable.html>

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Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)

The mission of the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) is to enable investigation of change in the Earth's life support systems as it occurs in the Asia-Pacific region to: identify, explain and predict changes in the context of both natural and anthropogenic forcing; assess potential regional and global vulnerability of natural and human systems; and contribute, from the science perspective, to the development of policy options for appropriate responses to global change that will also contribute to sustainable development. As part of its programme of activities, the APN issues an Annual Regional Call for Proposals (ARCP). In the 2009 ARCP call for research proposals, proposals must involve at least 3 APN member and/or approved countries, 2 of which must be developing countries.

New Procedure for Proposal Submission: All proponents interested to submit a proposal to the APN must submit a Stage 1 Summary Proposal with a carbon copy to the NFP and to the SPG member (where one exists) from the proponent's country, following the guidelines and template specified in this guideline by the deadline of 14 August 2009, Friday, midnight – Japanese Standard Time. Successful proponents will proceed to Stage 2 and will be invited to submit a Full Proposal for further consideration for APN funding. **The full proposal must follow the instructions and format specified in this guideline; and must be received by the APN Secretariat no later than 16 October 2009, Friday, midnight – Japanese Standard Time.**

Additional information or queries should be directed to

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[gcr.org/en/callforproposals/2009%20ARCP%20Guide%20for%20Proponents](http://www.apn-gcr.org/en/callforproposals/2009%20ARCP%20Guide%20for%20Proponents) [FIN](#)
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TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences

The TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences was established in response to the needs of promising young researchers in developing countries, particularly those attached to institutions that lack appropriate research facilities. Under this scheme, grants are awarded to individual researchers and research units in 80 science-and-technology-lagging countries (S&TLC) to enable them to purchase the research facilities they need to enhance their productivity. The programme aims to: Reinforce and promote scientific research in basic sciences in developing countries; Strengthen developing countries' endogenous capacity in science; Reduce the exodus of scientific talents from the South; Build and sustain units of scientific excellence in S&TLC over a longer period to help them achieve a critical mass of highly qualified and innovative scientists capable of addressing real-life problems facing their countries.

Deadline: 31 August 2009

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UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi (Japan) Co-Sponsored Research Fellowships Programme 2010 Cycle

With a view to keeping alive and honouring the spirit of former Prime Minister Obuchi and his belief in "people building the next era", 20 fellowships per year, for the ninth year, will be awarded to deserving candidates from UNESCO developing countries, especially the least developed countries (LDCs), who are eager to undertake research on one or more of the topics listed below. The aim of the fellowships is to support innovative and imaginative post-graduate research in the areas of development to which former Prime Minister Obuchi was committed and which coincide with areas of particular interest to UNESCO.

Deadline for the submission of applications: 8 January 2010.

More information at:

http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=14635&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

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UNESCO/Israel Co-Sponsored Fellowships for Post Doctoral Studies -2009 Cycle

Within the framework of UNESCO's Co-Sponsored Fellowships Scheme, a joint programme is being launched with Israel's Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education, and, the Israel National Commission for UNESCO, with a view to promoting post-doctoral study and research.

Closing Date for Submission of Documents to UNESCO by Applicants Approved by Israeli universities: 30 October 2009. Starting Date of Research: During academic year 2009/2010.

More information at:

http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=45335&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

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African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) - PhD Thesis Research Awards

Each year AERC offers a limited number of awards with a maximum value of US\$15,000 towards PhD thesis research. To be eligible for consideration, the request must come from an African national intending to pursue a career in economic management, research and/or teaching at an institution in sub-Saharan Africa.

The deadline is November 1st, for the January award.

Contact

African Economic Research Consortium
3rd Floor-Middle East Bank Towers Building
Milimani Road
P.O. Box 62882 00200 Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: 254 20 2734150
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Email: exec.dir@aercafrica.org

Web:

http://www.aercafrica.org/programmes/training_cmap_PhDthesisawards.asp

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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. In principle, IDRC supports research on all parts of the developing regions of the world. At this time, the Centre Training and Awards Program is not supporting awards which involve research in Burma, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Eastern Europe or Central Asia.

Deadline: November 1, 2009 (awards will be announced in May 2010).

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IDRC Doctoral Research Awards
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Telephone: (1 613) 236-6163 ext. 2098
E-mail: cta@idrc.ca
Web: http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-23374-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

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WWF Prince Bernhard Scholarship Fund (PBS)

The aim of the WWF Prince Bernhard Scholarship Fund (PBS) is to provide financial support to individuals wishing to pursue short-term professional training or formal studies that will help them contribute more effectively to conservation efforts in their country. As a priority, PBS supports mid-career training for those working in the field of conservation and associated disciplines directly relevant to the delivery and promotion of conservation (i.e. media, law, education). Applications are encouraged from those seeking to build skills in specific subjects that will enhance their contribution to conservation. In particular women, and people working for non-governmental or community-based organizations, are encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is 11 January 2010 to reach the candidate's nearest WWF Office.

Web:

http://assets.panda.org/downloads/pbs_info_application_form_english.doc

Contacts: http://assets.panda.org/downloads/pbs_wwf_contacts.pdf

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Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) Fellowships

The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI), is a division of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC and maintains research facilities for marine and terrestrial research at various locations on the Isthmus of Panama. STRI offers fellowships for undergraduate, predoctoral and postdoctoral research in the areas represented by its scientific staff. Disciplines include ecology, anthropology, paleontology, paleoecology, evolutionary biology, molecular phylogenetics, biogeography, animal behavior, neurobiology, soils sciences, and physiology of tropical plants and animals.

Short Term Fellowships: Support is provided to carry out short-term research projects in the tropics. Fellowship and Internship Program in Latin America: Support is provided for short-term projects and internships. Candidates must be from universities in Latin America, particularly Central America and Panama. A. Stanley Rand Fellowship Program: Support is provided for short-term research in the tropics focused on animal behavior, natural history, evolutionary biology, plant and animal ecology and environmental monitoring.

Next deadline is November 15 2009.

For more information:

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Web: <http://www.si.edu/research+study> or

http://www.stri.org/english/education_fellowships/fellowships/index.php

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International Foundation for Science (IFS) - Green Water Research

The International Foundation for Science (IFS) is pleased to invite young scientists to submit research proposals that address: Good management, conservation and use of green water for increased food and biological production. Proposals must be submitted using an IFS application form which can be downloaded from the IFS website.

The deadline for submitting proposals is June 30, 2009 or December 31, 2009.

Contact

The completed form should be sent to applications@ifs.se

For more information, please visit:

http://www.ifs.se/Programme/Announcements/Call_for_applications_GreenWater_2008.pdf

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Research Fellow Partnership Programme for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources (RFPP)

The overall objective of the Research Fellow Partnership Programme for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources (RFPP) is to enhance the human resource base for research in the fields of agriculture, forestry and natural resource management in international development. RFPP aims at generating development relevant knowledge, training young scientists and establishing research partnerships. These objectives shall be achieved by supporting doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships as well as by promoting internships. RFPP projects shall be embedded in research partnerships between a CGIAR centre (or equivalent) and a Swiss research institution.

RFPP is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and managed by the North-South Centre of the ETH Zurich.

Calls are launched twice a year and the next deadline is on 30th of September.

For more information regarding the current call, please contact

RFPP coordinator at igomez@ethz.ch

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Research Fellow Partnership Programme for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources (RFPP)

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TWAS-BIOTEC Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

TWAS and the National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC) entered into an agreement to provide a number of postdoctoral research fellowships tenable in top class biotechnology laboratories in Thailand. Under the scheme, young scientists from developing countries (other than Thailand) are able to spend 12-24 months working on areas related to molecular biology, molecular genetics, microbiology, biochemistry, biotechnology and bioinformatics at the National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC). The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 September of each year.

For young scientists from developing countries (other than Thailand) who wish to pursue advanced research in the biotechnology at the National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC), Thailand.

Deadline 15 September.

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National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology
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<http://twas.ictp.it/prog/exchange/fellowships-pdoc/twas-biotec-postdoctoral-fellowship-programme>

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Climate Funds Update - The latest information on climate funds

Climate Funds Update is an independent website that provides information on the growing number of international funding initiatives designed to help developing countries address the challenges of climate change. The funds will be tracked over the next, crucial year in the lead-up to the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP) meeting in Copenhagen.

This site aims to detail: Where these climate change funds are being developed; What the funds support; The scale of the proposed funding; How the funds are expected to be disbursed; and What had been achieved so far.

Contacts

Web: <http://www.climatefundsupdate.org>

Email: info@climatefundsupdate.org

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International Conference on Infrastructure Economics – France, January 14-15, 2010

In the context of a wider collaboration, the Institut d'Économie Industrielle (IDEI) in Toulouse and the Development Economics Vice Presidency (DEC) and Sustainable Development Network (SDN) of the World Bank are organizing the first annual International Conference on Infrastructure Economics and Development to stimulate research on these issues. The conference will take place at IDEI-University of Toulouse, in Toulouse, France, on January 14-15, 2010.

A preliminary version of the paper must be sent, in PDF format, to jdethier@worldbank.org before September 15, 2009. Detailed abstracts will be considered but preference will be given to completed papers. Decisions will be taken by a scientific committee and authors will be informed before October 30, 2009. For details on scientific matters, please contact Jean-Jacques Dethier (jdethier@worldbank.org) or Stéphane Straub (stephane.straub@univ-tlse1.fr).

Please click [here](#) for more details.

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6th International Workshop on Functional-Structural Plant Models – USA, September 12-17, 2010

The workshop FSPM10, the sixth in the series, will be held at UC Davis, Davis, CA, September 12-17, 2010. Paper submissions are invited in all aspects of functional-structural plant modeling. Extended abstracts of oral presentations (3 pages) and abstracts of posters (1 page) are solicited. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee, following submission. All accepted

abstracts will be included in the workshop proceedings. Abstracts must be submitted electronically to the abstract submission website as PDF or Microsoft Word documents.

Please click [here](#) for more details.

Important dates and deadlines

Abstract submission: March 1, 2010

Notification of acceptance: May 1, 2010

Camera ready abstracts: June 15, 2010

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The Third IASTED African Conference on Water Resource Management - Botswana, September 6 – 8, 2010

The Third IASTED African Conference on Water Resource Management (AfricaWRM 2010) will act as an interdisciplinary forum for decision-makers, academics, and professionals interested in the development and application of technology in ensuring the sustainable use and management of our water resources. This purpose is consistent with the goals of the United Nations Decade of Water for Life. The forum will cover both hard and soft technology and will serve to promote the use of appropriate technologies. Case studies are welcome.

Important dates and deadlines

Submission: March 15, 2010

Notification of acceptance: May 1, 2010

Final Manuscripts: June 1, 2010

Registration Deadline: June 15, 2010

For more information, or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact

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<http://www.iasted.org/conferences/cfpplain.aspx?id=686>

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LifeWeb initiative

LifeWeb is a global initiative to support the creation and improve the management of protected areas. Officially launched in May 2008 during the [COP 9 meeting](#) of the [Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#), LifeWeb creates a global partnership for the [CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas \(PoWPA\)](#). Parties, indigenous and local communities and other relevant stakeholders are

invited to actively participate in the initiative. The functioning of LifeWeb is possible through the funding and support of the Federal Ministry of Environment Germany. "Life Web Initiative" was launched during COP-9, with the objective to support the increase of the number of protected areas as well as to enhance the management effectiveness and secure adequate financing for designing and locating areas in the best places for biodiversity conservation.

The initiative will count on an online system which is currently under development and which aims to lend transparency to the process. "Eventually, Life Web may also facilitate support for Civil Society groups that work in protected area management. These requests would nevertheless have to be validated by countries' PWPA focal point, to ensure that they fall within the approved framework of a country's priority areas and needs", commented Jason Spensley, Life Web's Director.

Life Web has already received commitments from the German, Spanish, and Finish governments, and three additional governments, including the European Union, are ready to come on board. The financial allocations made by these parties are considered additional to what is being negotiated and set aside under the Overseas Development Assistance commitments.

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