



Call for papers and proposals
**The 11th Annual Meeting of the Environment for Development (EFD)
Initiative**
Organized by
**The Environment and Climate Research Center (EFD - Ethiopia) and the
EFD Secretariat**
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The Environment for Development (EFD) initiative is a capacity-building program in environmental economics focusing on research, policy interaction, and academic programs. The overall objective of EFD is to support poverty alleviation and sustainable development by building environmental economics capacity in policy-making processes. The EFD network now has centers hosted by universities or research institutions in Central America, Chile, China, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, the US, India, Colombia, and Vietnam. The program also includes a full PhD program in Global Change and Climate Economics offered at the University of Gothenburg, and four specialization courses in Environmental and Climate Economics, held every other year.

The EFD initiative is committed to producing high-quality research and active international research interaction. This is achieved by creating an environment where discussions can take place openly, research results can be constructively criticized, and feedback is generated. One important strategy to promote such research interactions is through research meetings such as the annual meeting. The EFD annual meeting is a forum to bring together researchers from EFD centers, their collaborators and other key stakeholders for exchange of research ideas, discussion of research proposals and presentation of results from EFD projects.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Research proposals for 2018 funding in all EFD research themes, including collaborative projects will be developed and submitted in a two-stage process. In the first stage, eligible PIs should submit a short pre-proposal (a maximum of three pages including references) to EFD by April 30, 2017 at the latest. Please describe the research question(s), motivation(s), the proposed empirical framework, policy relevance and links to broader goals of the EFD network in the pre-proposal. Please also clearly state/elaborate on the linkage between the proposed research and the identified center policy research review priorities. Pre-proposals should be sent to the EFD Research Officer, Marleen Poot (marleen.poot@gu.se) before the deadline. The EFD research committee will evaluate the first stage pre-proposals and will invite selected PIs (around 3 proposals per center) by early May to submit a full proposal through *Editorial Express* (www.editorialexpress.com/efd) by **July 1, 2017**. In order to allow time for peer review before the annual meeting, proposals submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

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Second stage proposals will pass through a blind review process. Based on this review and the Sida Help Desk's assessment to what extent the proposed research fulfills the stated policy research review priorities, the EFD research committee will select the most promising proposals for presentation at the annual meeting. Final funding decisions will be made after the presentation and discussion. Please note that the EFD research fund will be allocated on a *competitive* basis.

The EFD research committee favors policy-relevant projects with high potential for publication in reputable peer-reviewed international journals. The proposals should preferably be developed in collaboration between EFD Senior Research Fellows/Research Fellows, Research Associates, and young researchers (post-docs and graduate students/Junior Researchers). Their duration is expected to be one to three years and the budget between USD 30 000 and 80 000. Note that all proposals from EFD countries should be presented and pass through a local peer-review process *prior to* submission to the EFD network.

Selected authors will be notified by September 1, 2017, after which the registration for the annual meeting will be open. Final draft accepted proposals must be submitted on October 5 at the latest to be included in the final program of the annual meeting.

PAPER SUBMISSION

The EFD network invites submission of full draft papers on topics related to environmental and resource economics in developing countries and relevant EFD themes. Please submit your manuscript *online* via Editorial Express, www.editorialexpress.com/efd, by **July 15, 2017**. Selected authors will be notified by August 25, 2017, after which the registration for the annual meeting will be open. Final draft accepted papers must be submitted by **October 5** to be included in the final program of the annual meeting.

CONTACT AND PARTICIPATION

In 2017, the annual meeting will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It is being organized by EFD Ethiopia, the Environment and Climate Research Center (ECRC) at the Ethiopian Development Research Institute, together with the EFD Secretariat. Questions related to local arrangements can be directed to Haileselassie Medhin, Director of EFD Ethiopia through haileselassie.medhin@gu.se

The EFD network will cover travel and local costs for EFD researchers whose proposals or papers from EFD-funded projects have been accepted for presentation at the annual meeting. EFD covers local cost (not travel) for EFD researchers (Senior Research Fellows, Research Fellows and international research associates) with accepted papers. Other participants are expected to cover their full cost to participate in the annual meeting.

If you would like to attend the annual meeting, or if you have queries related to the conference, contact Annika Kjellgren, EFD interim Program Manager (annika.kjellgren@gu.se). Questions related to research proposal/paper presentations can be directed to Marlene Poot, EFD Research Officer (marlene.poot@gu.se).

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