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Welcome to the last newsletter of the year. In this newsletter we will inform you about the PEGNet Conference 2014 that took place this September in Lusaka, Zambia but first of all, we would like to thank the conference participants for making it our annual conference a success! As usual, we will also update you with news and future events from our members. We hope you will enjoy our newsletter. This and past editions are available online: [PEGNet Newsletter Archive](#).



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1. PEGNet Conference 2014 in Lusaka, Zambia

The Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) Conference 2014 on "Employment strategies in the Developing World - How to create sufficient, productive and decent jobs" was held in Lusaka, Zambia in cooperation with the Zambia Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (ZIPAR) on September 18-19, 2014. The conference attracted nearly 170 researchers, policy makers and development practitioners working on job creation, youth unemployment and poverty reduction.



For the sixth time, the PEGNet Best Practice Award was granted to a project that has achieved effective interaction between research and practice. This year the collaboration between the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa), University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa) and Yale University (United States) won the award for the project: "Wage subsidies and youth employment in South Africa: Evidence from a randomized control trial".



An article summarizing the conference proceedings has been published in the D+C magazine and is available [here](#). The papers and conference presentations can be accessed [here](#). In addition, the pictures from the two conference days are available [here](#).

A commitment fee of 20 Euros (160 Kwacha) was charged to participants attending the conference dinner to avoid food wastage. Altogether, 1540 Euros were raised from this fee. This money has been donated to the Butterfly Tree Charity who have a Special Education Program in Mukuni, Zambia. The proceeds from the conference will be used to procure a wheelchair, 4 desks and other classroom supplies. We would like to thank all the conference participants for their generous contributions to this program. More information on the Butterfly Tree Charity is available [here](#).

2. DIE: Call for Papers

The German Development Institute (DIE), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and the International Center for Sustainable Development (IZNE) at Bonn- Rhein-Sieg



University of Applied Sciences are convening an international workshop on “Assessing the social,

economic and political effects of social protection: ways to overcome the challenges” on 15-17th April 2015 at the DIE premises in Bonn, Germany. Researchers and practitioners who have a) made attempts to test the social, economic or political effects of any kind of social protection scheme, b) struggle in their efforts with methodological, financial, organizational or political challenges, and c) found ways to overcome these challenges (or not) are invited to send an abstract of a scholarly written paper on their experience and observations. The deadline for submissions is **20th December 2014**. [>> More information](#)

3. HiCN: Call for Papers

A joint initiative of the Fragility, Conflict And Violence Group of the World Bank and the



Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) will host a workshop on “Micro-foundations of conflict and violence: economic analysis

and impact evaluation” in Washington DC, February, 12th 2015. New and innovative contributions that shed light either on the micro-economic analysis of peace and conflict or on the evaluation of the impact of projects and programs that aim to reduce violence and promote peace and development will be discussed. The deadline for paper submission is **15th November 2014**. [>>More information](#)

4. DIAL: Call for Papers

The University of Paris-Dauphine (UPD) and the French Institute of Research for Development (IRD) jointly organize their third international conference on  development economics.

The conference which will be held in Paris should provide a forum to discuss innovative theoretical and empirical research in development economics dealing particularly with the analysis of factors that can tackle barriers to development. Deadline for proposal submission is **15th February 2015**. [>>More information](#)

5. PEP: Call for Proposals

The Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) is currently accepting submissions for the 3rd and final “Policy Analysis on Growth and Employment” (PAGE) call for proposals. In accordance with PEP’s core mission, this initiative includes an



important capacity building component and targets teams of researchers based in developing countries.

Selected teams will benefit from the unique and manifold PEP support program in the conduct of high-quality research projects. The deadline for submission is **30th October 2014**. [>>More information](#)

6. GIZ: Vacancy Announcements

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) has announced a vacancy for an Advisor on Business and Investment Climate to serve in Abuja, Nigeria. The advisor will be responsible for planning, implementing and coordinating activities in the area of 'improving the business and investment climate' in the programme's three partner states (Niger, Plateau and Ogun), i.e. on the state level. Deadline for applications is **4th November, 2014**. [>> More information](#)



Furthermore, GIZ has announced a vacancy for an Advisor on National Investment Planning and Financing to serve in Rwanda. The duties and responsibilities of the advisor on investment planning include the identification of key priority areas for capacity building and research in the whole investment cycle and the development of a yearly action plan that

includes a training plan for skills development to ensure sector specific economic knowledge and analytical abilities. Deadline for applications is **9th November 2014**. [>> More information](#)

7. News from 3ie

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) invites proposals for systematic reviews of development interventions in the areas of women's empowerment, humanitarian interventions and rural employment programmes in developing countries. Deadline for applications is **12th November 2014**. [>> More information](#)

Further, 3ie invites submission of qualifications for a proposal preparation grant for the impact evaluation of an education programme for the girl child in the Republic of Benin. Deadline for applications is **24th November 2014**. [>> More information](#)

3ie will also be providing two bursaries for the Institute of Development Studies short course on Impact Evaluation Design to be undertaken on 20-24th April 2015. Application deadline is **28th November 2014**. [>> More information](#)



**International Initiative
for Impact Evaluation**

3ie has announced vacancies for an Intern, Programme Associate and Research Associate to serve in their office

in New Delhi. The deadline for applications is **31st October 2014**. [>>More information](#)

8. News from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

The Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation has announced a call for International Climate Protection Fellowships for young climate experts from developing countries interested in conducting a project in Germany and developing long-term collaborations. The application deadline is **15th March 2015**. [>>More information](#)



9. News from the University of Passau

The University of Passau offers a new Master Program in Development Studies starting October 2015. Students enrolled in the programme will gain insights into the economic, social, ethical, and cultural contexts and constraints of development. The programme will provide outstanding opportunities to put theory into practice through international field research, with a strong focus on integrating quantitative and qualitative methods. [>>More information](#).



10. News from ODI

The Overseas Development Institute (ODI) has launched a set of policy essays on how to enhance productivity in Bangladesh's garment sector. These policy essays that are written by leading academics and decision-makers propose ways to enhance productivity improve standards and sustain long term growth. [>>More information](#)



11. News from EADI

The European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) in collaboration with the International Social Science Council in Paris and the Center for Development Research, University of Bonn, and the Bonn Sustainability Portal are pleased to invite you to the Bonn launch of the World Social Science Report 2013 that will take place on **3rd November 2014**. [>>More information](#)



Further, EADI announces the publications "[Understanding the Links between Labour and Economic Development](#)", Special issue of the European Journal of Development Research, September 2014 by Ralitzia Dimova and Christophe J. Nordman and "[North-South Research Partnership: Academia Meets Development?](#)", EADI Policy Paper, June

2014, by Gilles Carbonnier and Tiina Kontinen.

12. News from SolarAid

SolarAid, one of the PEGNet Best Practice Award 2013 finalists, has released its second Impact Report.

The report is packed with information on the research function that was started just two years ago, providing some of the most comprehensive data in the world on energy access in rural Africa.



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