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The Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) is an international network that brings together researchers with an interest in issues revolving around the poverty-inequality-growth nexus in developing countries, and links them to the German and other countries' development policy bodies. PEGNet was founded in 2005 as a joint initiative of the Poverty Reduction, Equity and Development Research Area of the Kiel Institute (IfW), the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the University of Göttingen, the University of Frankfurt, and the KfW Development Bank.

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At the 2015 PEGNet conference the Best Practice Award will be awarded for the seventh time to best practices in cooperation between researchers and practitioners in development cooperation. The idea of awarding this prize was born out of two observations. On the one hand, the policy impact of research is often weak, as development research may not always ask the right question. On the other hand, modern research tools seldom make their way into policy design indicating a lack of shared knowledge. All this implies that more and better modes of interaction between researchers and practitioners are urgently needed. The PEGNet Best Practice Award supports such interactions.

The prize is given to programmes or projects that have achieved effective interaction between research and practice.

Selection criteria:

- (1) relevance of the research or policy questions,
- (2) quality of research,
- (3) design of the link between research and practice/policy-making,
- (4) sustainability of partnership between researchers/ practitioners
- (5) originality of the communication strategy.

Based on these criteria, a maximum of four projects will be preselected by a committee for presentation at the PEGNet conference. At the conference the nominated projects will be presented and the winning project will be awarded the prize of 3000€.

Selection committee:

- o one PEGNet member from the Kiel Institute
- o one representative from GIZ
- o one representative from the local conference co-organizing team

Past years' prize winners:

2014: University of Stellenbosch, University of the Witwatersrand and Yale University won the award for the project: „**Wage subsidies & youth employment in South Africa: Evidence from a randomized control trial**“.

2013: ETH Zurich, the Federal Institute of Aquatic Science (EAWAG), Makerere University and NGO SSWARS (Uganda) won the award for the „U-ACT“ project in Kampala, Uganda: „**Putting research into practice: Implementing innovative economic and social interventions to improve sanitation access in urban slums**“.

2012: Université d'Abomey-Calavi and Université de Parakou; University of Göttingen, KfW and BMZ Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development; ETH Zurich; Free University Amsterdam and Ministry of Foreign Affairs won the award for **The quantitative impact analysis of rural public water supply**.

2011: Habib Benzian, Fit for School Philippines won the award for his **innovative health care project**

2010: Andrew Mude, International Livestock Research Institute in Nairobi won the award for **the development of an index-based livestock insurance in Northern Kenya**

2009: Veronica Amarante and Andrea Vigorito, University of Uruguay and the Ministry for social development won the award for **the design, implementation, and evaluation of a conditional cash transfer program**



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