

Call for Applications

PEGNet Conference 2019

Best Practice Award

in cooperation with DIE und ZEF (Bonn, Germany)

9-10 September, 2019

About the PEGNet Best Practice Award

To date, the policy impact of research is often weak and development research may not always ask the right questions. Modern research tools seldomly make their way into policy design and there is frequently a lack of shared knowledge between research and practice on the ground. This implies that more and better modes of interaction between researchers and practitioners are urgently needed. The Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) wants to strengthen such interactions by awarding the Best Practice Award on an annual basis to effective projects and collaborations having a profound impact on development.

The Best Practice Award worth **3000 EUR** is granted to projects that have achieved successful **collaboration between development research and practice**.

At the **PEGNet Conference 2019**, that will take place on the **9th and 10th September 2019 in Bonn, Germany**; PEGNet will award its Best Practice Award for the eleventh time to a project that exemplifies such cooperation between development researchers and practitioners. At the conference, the winner of the Best Practice Award, will get the opportunity to present the project to an international audience of researchers, practitioners and policy makers. The keynote speakers of this year's conferences are Stefan Dercon (Oxford University) and Saweda Liverpool-Tasie (Michigan State University).

All projects working on topics within development economics are invited to apply. Projects from applicants from developing countries are particularly welcome.

For more information on PEGNet and the Best Practice Award winners from previous years, please refer to <https://pegnet.ifw-kiel.de>.

Deadline for Applications and Guidelines

The call for submission of **project summaries** for the PEGNet Best Practice Award is open **until 23rd April 2019**.

Guidelines and Selection Procedure

Please send your project summary of maximum three pages via email to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de. Your email should indicate “PEGNet BPA 2019” in the subject heading.

Projects will be selected based on their:

- (1) Relevance of research and policy questions
- (2) Quality of research
- (3) Design of the link between research and practice
- (4) Sustainability of the partnership
- (5) Originality of the communication strategy.



2014 Best Practice Award winner, Professor Niel Rankin from the University of Witwatersrand receiving the Best Practice Award from former PEGNet Director, Professor Manfred Wiebelt and former German Ambassador to Zambia Bernd Finke.

Several projects will be preselected by a committee that consists of researchers and practitioners. Notifications on the success of your project’s application will be sent out in **June 2019**. The best three projects will then be invited to attend the PEGNet Conference 2019. The costs for shortlisted speakers will be covered by PEGNet. At the conference, the winning project is selected and awarded the prize of 3000 EUR.

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