

## PEGNet NEWSLETTER VOLUME 23

Welcome to our third quarterly newsletter this year. In this newsletter we will provide you with more information on our preparations for the tenth anniversary conference as well as with updates from our partners. We hope you will enjoy our newsletter. This and past editions are available in our archive online: [PEGNet Newsletter Archive](#).



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**1. Announcement:  
Registration for the PEGNet tenth  
conference is now open**

As the preparations for the PEGNet tenth anniversary conference advance, we would like to inform you that the registration form for the conference is now available at the following link: [here](#).

Similar to previous years, there will be no registration or conference fees. We encourage you all to attend this special conference.

**2. Announcement: Conference  
highlights**

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of our network, we will hold a special roundtable session that answers the question ‘*What happened to pro-poor growth?*’. The speakers in this session will include James Thurlow (IFPRI) who will share his views on pro-poor growth in Zambia, Sarah Ssewanyana who will discuss Uganda’s experiences with integrating pro-poor growth into its national growth strategies, as well as Georg Schäfer (GIZ) and Carlos Rodríguez Castela (World Bank) who will both share their experiences from practice.

Promoting Pro-Poor Growth in the Run-up to 2015: What Are the Critical Challenges and Policy Issues? was the theme of the first PEGNet workshop thus we decided to dedicate a special session to discussing

the evolution of the concept since the inception of PEGNet. An article that introduces the session has been published in the August edition of the Development+Cooperation magazine. It is available at the following link: [here](#)

In addition to the discussion on pro-poor growth, we will also have a roundtable discussion on ‘*Economic transformation and rising inequality*’.

As usual, we will have a keynote speech



on each conference day. Margaret Mcmillan from Tufts University and IFPRI, will share her

expertise on industrialization and structural change on the first conference day.

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will talk about her work on the political economy of development on the second conference

day.

We also have a very interesting line up of poster and paper presentations set up for the conference. The PEGNet Best Practice Award will be awarded for the seventh time this year to a project that effectively demonstrates cooperation between development research and practice.

More information about the program is available [here](#). We look forward to seeing you in Berlin.



### 3. News from 3ie

Over the past decade the Government of Uganda has made improvements in public sector performance measurement and financial management. Nevertheless, evaluation of public policies is still rarely used. In order to



**International Initiative for Impact Evaluation**

address this evidence gap, the

Government of Uganda launched a National Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy. The goal of the 3ie fund is to enable selected research teams to carry out a process or formative evaluation of a program on which the main findings are based on.

Therefore, 3ie invites submission of proposals for process and formative evaluation of Government of Uganda's programmes and policies in the areas of family planning, youth livelihoods, public service delivery and local governance and universal primary education. The deadline for submission is the **24<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**.

[>>More information](#)

The key goal of the 3ie's bursary program is to support the capacity building in

conducting and using high quality impact evaluations and systematic reviews. It is important to find policy relevant evidence. However, 3ie is offering eight bursaries for the Evaluation Conclave to be held from 23<sup>rd</sup> till 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Kathmandu, Nepal. To be eligible, applicants must be nationals residing in a low- or middle-income Asian country and be actively engaged in the field of impact evaluation. The deadline for submission is the **14<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 (12 GMT)**. [>>More information](#)

3ie will soon issue request for proposals (RFPs) for pilot interventions to promote HIV self-testing in Uganda and Zambia and impact evaluations of these interventions. There will be two separate calls, one for each country. To participate in it, you have to fill out the following [form](#) to be notified of the RFP launch and requirements.

### 4. News from EUDN

The European Development Research Network (EUDN) PhD Student Workshop on Development Economics will be jointly

organized by the EUDN, the University Paris Dauphine and the Institute for Development Research (IRD). The

workshop will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November in Paris, France.

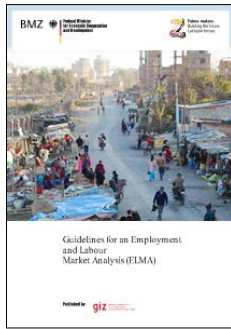
Its central goal is to give PhD students in Development Economics an opportunity to



present their papers in informal environment. The deadline for submission is **15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**. The application has to be send to [eudn2015@diaf.prd.fr](mailto:eudn2015@diaf.prd.fr). [>>More information](#)

**5. News from GIZ**

GIZ's Sector Project "Employment Promotion in Development Cooperation" has published "Guidelines for an Employment and Labour Market Analysis (ELMA)". ELMA provides a methodological and tried-and-tested tool for a comprehensive analysis of the labour market and employment situation. The guidelines are available [here](#), a four-page handout can be found [here](#).



Furthermore, the Sector Project has published "A Systematic Framework for Measuring Employment Impacts of Development Cooperation Interventions", which is available [here](#).

Moreover, GIZ's Sector Project "Sustainable Economic Development" has published a new study on "Benefits of a Green Economy Transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa". The study provides a comprehensive account of green economy benefits (economic, social and environmental) for Sub-Saharan African countries as well as key



arguments which policymakers can use to make the political and economic case for pursuing a green economy. It draws on recent research and practitioner insights and comes with a broad range of illustrative case studies from the region. The full study is available at the following link [here](#).

GIZ and UNIDO have launched the Enhancing the Quality of Industrial Policy Toolbox (EQUIP). The EQUIP toolbox enables developing countries to independently develop evidence-based structural and industrial policy. The project provides an array of tools to analyse and set strategic goals for inclusive and sustainable industrial development. This is flanked by a capacity development concept. [>>More information](#)

**5. News from EADI**

EADI has developed a state-of-the art quality assurance (QA) and accreditation system that takes the specific nature of global development studies into account. Currently, a team of peer reviewers is working on the accreditation process of the Master's Program in Contemporary Development of China (CDC) at Beijing Normal University. [>>More information](#)



The EADI Directors' Meeting will be held from 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in Olomouc, Czech Republic. It is hosted by



the Palacky University. The meeting will discuss a New Vision Paper on Development Studies; and hold a panel on „Big Data and Development“. Moreover, it is combined with a conference on "Searching for Sustainable Living. Different Approaches, Shared Vision", with Gael Giraud, senior economist of Agence Française de Développement, Melissa Leach, IDS, as well as Thomas Schauer, Club of Rome and contributions from our Czech EADI members and partners. [>>More information](#)

### 6. News from IDS

The Institute of Development Studies launched a call for applications in its Advanced Research Design. The Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) will be delivering a ten day professional development course on Advanced Research Design for African researchers residing in the region. The deadline for submission is the **30<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**. [>>More information](#)



### 7. News from ISDC

The ISDC and the LSMS team of the World Bank are co-organizing a new training course on **ISDC** *policies for peace and prosperity* measuring violent conflict in micro-level surveys. The training course aims to promote the collection of

data on conflict through the implementation of household surveys in conflict-affected areas. It will take place from 23<sup>rd</sup> till 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in Berlin, Germany. The deadline for submission is **27<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**. [>>More information](#)

### 8. News from UNU-WIDER

The International Centre of Taxation and Development (ICTD) and the United Nations University's World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) have initiated a new collaboration on taxation, revenue mobilization and development.

The main goal of the collaboration is to encourage the creation and distribution of more accurate data on government revenues and its analysis for policy. The ICTD and UNU-WIDER Symposium on Taxation and Revenue Mobilization in Developing Countries aims to bring together researchers interested in employing the GRD database by considering certain questions. The deadline for submission is **15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**. [>>More information](#)



### 9. News from CSAE

The Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) will hold its annual conference from 20<sup>th</sup> till 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016.

It will take place at St. Catherine's College. Therefore, CSAE launched a call for papers to submit for the conference.



Especially, papers addressing economic analysis of the broad issues relevant for economic development in Africa are

invited. Also papers on other countries are highly welcome, if they provide issues which are central to African development. The deadline for submission is **30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**. [>>More information](#)

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