

r4d

forum oc



19th September 2017

Schloss Bümpliz,
Bern, Switzerland

BACKGROUND AND PARTICIPANTS

The Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development (r4d programme) comprises five thematic modules and one thematically open module. The latter is conducted by means of three thematically open calls, two of which have already been successfully completed. The **r4d forum oc** (open call) seeks to connect the grantees of the first and second thematically open calls and to establish an opportunity for them to engage in dialogue regarding their running r4d projects amongst each other, with the members of the review panel and with representatives from policy and practice.

PURPOSE

The **r4d forum oc** aims to give ample space to the exchange of experiences, challenges and success stories, especially with regard to the programme's main objectives. To this end, the event provides a platform for grantees, review panel members as well as representatives from policy and practice to come together and engage in creative dialogue. The discussion of scientific findings on and solutions to the reduction of poverty and global issues, the application of these results and the (scientific) competence in dealing with these complex issues that is increased in the process constitutes the core of the **r4d forum oc**. Participants will be given time for the presentation of individual projects as well as the opportunity to learn and ask questions about project objectives and progress. Apart from the goal to encourage interaction between participants, we aim to

- connect scientists working on similar topics, disciplines and research fields
- connect researchers facing similar challenges and overcoming comparable impediments
- connect groups at or towards the end of their project with groups at the outset, thus establishing a possibility for the exchange of guidance and advice among research groups at different points of their projects
- and, above all, to connect all persons invested in the attainment of the three main aims of the r4d programme, namely the delivery of scientific discoveries that tackle global issues and poverty, the utilization and application of these results as well as the resulting augmentation of expertise for the grasping of the complexity of global issues.

PROCEDURE AND FORMAT

Active participation begins before the actual event: All involved grantees will be asked ahead of time to submit input on the main aims of the r4d programme, namely the delivery of scientific discoveries that tackle global issues and poverty, the utilization and application of these results as well as the resulting augmentation of expertise for the grasping of the complexity of global issues. Within this frame, participants are asked to describe 2-3 challenges they have encountered in their r4d project. These inputs should take into account the specifics of the thematically open projects, like the three-year time frame, the bottom-up decision on research topics, etc., as well as other, more general aspects like how and to what extent stakeholders were involved, and which concerns this produced. The most often-mentioned or most pertinent topics will then be mirrored back to all participants during the **r4d forum oc**. Ideally, the information submitted forms part of what is presented by the project representatives during the market stand sessions.

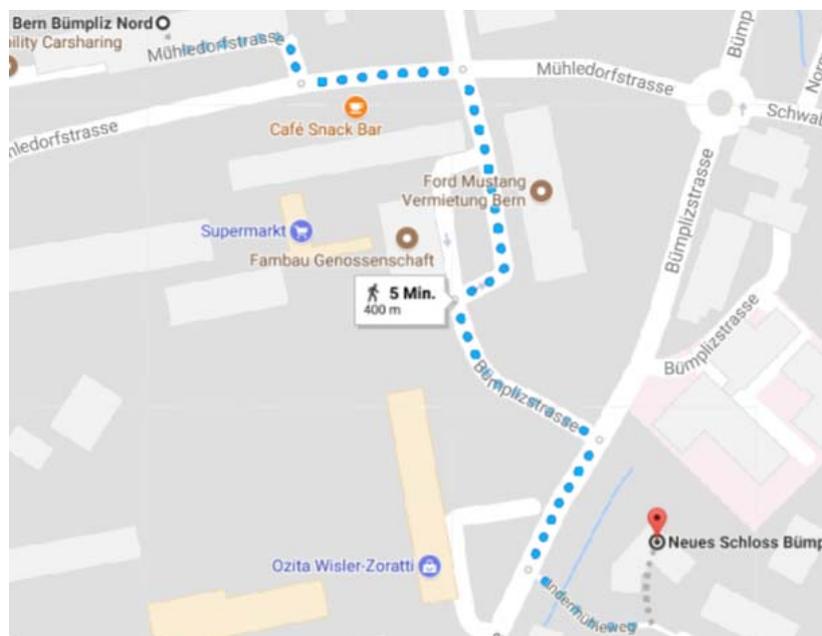
Each market stand will be operated by at least one person from the project, who will pitch design, strategy, questions, development, challenges, etc., in relation to the research. They will relate what enabling or prohibitive role the temporal frame of the three-year project played, how and to what extent stakeholders were involved and whether the general set-up has (so far) spurred the achievement of the objectives. Those participants not presenting during a specific session will explore the display and engage in discussion, driven by interest.

Following lunch and the input from a completed project from the first thematically open call, the collected findings from the inquiry preceding the **r4d forum oc** will be presented. This provides the common ground for all participants to enter into the solution-finding discussion. This debate should be solution-rather than problem-oriented, i.e., the participants will enter into a fruitful debate on the means by which drawbacks were overcome and how these experiences can be made productive for other projects, all the while keeping the three main aims of the r4d programme in view.

DATE AND VENUE

The **r4d forum oc** takes place on 19 September 2017, from 9:00 – 15:30 at the Schloss Bümpliz in Bern. By the frequently running trams or buses, the trip from Bern's main train station takes 10 minutes.

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CONFIRMATION

Please reply to this invitation, indicating the number of persons attending, by 21 August 2017. Note that we presume at least one representative per project to participate in the event.

The registration takes place via e-mail (r4d-opencall@snf.ch).

OTHER

In order to minimize the **r4d forum oc**'s ecological footprint, we aim to take the following measures:

- Encouraging participants from Europe to travel to Switzerland by train
- Offering vegetarian, organically produced, seasonal and local food
- Offering tap instead of bottled water
- Offering digital materials per default and only provide printed copies when specifically required.

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