



Swiss Programme for Research
on Global Issues for Development

Third thematically open call Kick-Off Meeting

Networking event for scientific and experiential exchange.

All project members of grants awarded in the frame of the third thematically open call are kindly invited.

The r4d programme presumes at least one representative per project to visit the event and present their project.



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9 October 2018, 9-13:00

SNSF, Bern
Plenary room 21

Third thematically open call: Kick-Off Meeting

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. The third and last thematically open call closed in June 2017 and, following a two-step evaluation process, resulted in the selection of 11 outstanding projects to be funded. The Kick-Off Meeting of the third thematically open call seeks to connect the project team members of these 11 projects and to establish an opportunity for them to engage in dialogue regarding their running or prospective r4d projects. All members of the project team are welcome to participate, but please note that the SNSF cannot cover travel expenses.

Purpose

The Kick-Off Meeting of the third thematically open call aims to provide a framework for the project team members of the grants awarded in the third thematically open call to come together and engage in creative dialogue. 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 different stages of their respective projects, 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

Each project team is asked to briefly present their project before the plenum. This presentation may take up to five minutes and must answer the following questions:

- Who is part of the project team and which countries are involved in the project?
- What is the project's main aim?
- How does the project relate to the Sustainable Development Goals?

A presentation template is provided.

Following the presentation, questions can be asked for another five minutes. Further exchange will be delegated to the subsequent lunch.

Date and Venue

The Kick-Off Meeting of the third thematically open call will take place on 9 October 2018 from 9:00 – 13:00, in the plenary room 21 at the Wildhainweg 21 in Bern. A buffet lunch will be served. Our offices are situated within walking distance from Bern's main train station.

Exit @ Bern main station: Welle 7



Confirmation

Please reply to this invitation, indicating the number of persons attending, by 21 August 2018 to r4d-opencall@snf.ch. Please note that we presume at least one representative per project to participate in the event.

Other

In order to minimize the event'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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