



**head news**



**2014 PEP Annual Conference - held in Santa Cruz, Bolivia (April 30 to May 7)**

Over 120 participants from 32 different countries, gathered to discuss research and policy issues under the broad theme of inclusive growth and employment in developing countries

The 2014 PEP Annual Conference was held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia), from April 30 to May 7, and co-hosted by the Institute for Advanced Development Studies (INESAD). This year's conference was organized in the context of the current PEP research and capacity building program initiative for "Policy Analysis on Growth and Employment" (PAGE), with support from IDRC and UK Aid.

The event featured several components and related events:

- **PEP schools:** a series of intensive training workshops in advanced methods/techniques of development research
- **11th PEP general meetings:** presentation of research work supported or contending for support under the PAGE program
- **Special policy seminars** to present outcomes from a PAGE-CBMS project to local Bolivian government authorities
- **PEP 2014 Policy Forum** on "Fostering entrepreneurship for inclusive growth and poverty reduction", with the support of the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF) of the IDB Group and other sponsors.
- **Awards ceremony:** presentation of the 2014 (and very 1st edition of) **PEP Best Practice Awards** – rewarding those PEP research teams who were most actively engaged in policy outreach activities in 2013-2014.

[Find out more about the 2014 PEP Annual Conference in Bolivia...](#)



**New PEP interactive training material: "Impact evaluation using Stata"**

PEP resource persons have published a new interactive training manual to guide researchers who wish to conduct rigorous experimental impact evaluations.

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**2013 PEP Annual Report is now available online**

A review of the progress and outputs of PEP activities in 2013. [Download it here.](#)



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**news and events**

Through its manifold « Grant plus » support program, PEP promotes the mobilization and expertise of local researchers in key **national and international research initiatives**. These special, often large-scale projects – usually focused on emerging development policy issues – are conducted either through joint research initiatives, in collaboration with specific donors and/or as commissioned studies deputed by international institutions calling on PEP's extensive experience to provide scientific support and coordinate activities.

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out about those ongoing initiatives through which PEP is currently supporting research in developing countries.

**training and workshops**

As the core component of PEP's mission has always been to build/strengthen local research capacities in the South, the organization of intensive training workshops has been part of its regular set of activities since its creation in 2002.

"PEP Schools" offer personalized training, provided by world leading experts, in a variety of cutting-edge research methodologies, tools and concepts of development economics, to help local researchers in developing countries contribute to the design of effective national growth and poverty reduction strategies.



**Recent and current PEP training activities**

**PEP-Laval Intensive Graduate School in Development Economics – ongoing**

Offering three training workshops :

- Development Policy Modeling – June 2-6
- Dynamic Impacts of Macroeconomic Policies and Shocks – June 9-13
- Microeconomic Analysis of Welfare and Policies – June 16-20

Location	Dates
Quebec City, Canada	June 2-20, 2014

**PEP schools for PAGE researchers – 2014 PEP Annual Conference**

Three (parallel) intensive training workshops provided to researchers supported under the PAGE program. Below are the 3 workshop programs:

- Macro-micro policy simulations
- Micro-econometric analysis and (non-experimental) impact evaluations techniques
- Community-based monitoring systems

Location	Dates
Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia	April 30-May 3 2014

**conferences**



**March 24-26, 2014 – Manila, Philippines**

**10th CBMS Philippines National Conference**

This 3-day conference was a gathering of key officials and representatives of national government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations and development partner agencies to discuss latest developments on the implementation and uses of the **community-based monitoring system (CBMS)** in the Philippines.

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**other pep news**

**NEW PEP IMPACT STORY: "Ghanaian government and UNICEF commissions PEP study on social policies in the context of fuel subsidy cuts".** [Find out more...](#)

**Special presentations of PEP Executive Director during two major international events – in Addis Ababa and Nairobi.** [Find out more...](#)

**PEP resource person and program committee member, Dileni Gunewardena,** has recently been appointed Cadre Chair of Economics at the University of Peradeniya, in Sri Lanka – and is the first woman to hold this position.

**Related Events**

PEP also publicizes news and events from the development research community that may be of interest to its members. Job openings, training or research funding opportunities, calls for contributions, international conferences, etc..

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