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The 3rd and final PAGE call for proposals is now open! Deadline is October 30, 2014

Follow this link to find information about eligibility, how to apply, priority issues, etc. The finalists will be invited to present their proposals during the next PEP Annual Conference - to be held in Kenya, in May 2015
17 new projects were selected for support under PAGE in 2014 – involving 72 local researchers (51% female) from 14 developing countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe. [Find out more...](#)

PEP was granted residence by the Government of Kenya - to establish new HQ in Nairobi. [Find out more...](#)

Two new "PEP impact stories" in Macedonia and Argentina – where project teams supported under the 1st PAGE funding round have already contributed to influence national policy debates and decisions! [Find out more...](#)

PEP presents a set of recommendations from its 2014 Policy Forum on "Fostering entrepreneurship for inclusive growth and poverty reduction" – available for download. [Find out more...](#)



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current initiatives and collaborations

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.

These are some of the ongoing PEP research, capacity building and/or special collaboration initiatives.

"Policy Analysis on Growth and Employment (PAGE)" - co-funded by DFID (or UK Aid) and the IDRC.

"Long-term partnership to support UNICEF's work on social policy and social protection reform in the MENA region" - with UNICEF-MENA (Middle-East and North Africa)

"Strengthening local capacity in the construction and simulation of a CGE model for the economy of Chad" – PEP-Chad-UNDP

PEP has also recently been commissioned to lead the following projects:

"Water resources development, poverty, shared prosperity, and climate resilience in coastal region of Kenya: exploring the linkages and pathways" - supported by the World Bank

"Foresight for food and nutritional security – modeling the long-term economy-wide effects of policy and technological change for maize and wheat" (countries under study include India, Pakistan, Ethiopia and Kenya) - supported by CGIAR/CIMMYT

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 training activities

Location

Dates

UNICEF conducts training for local enumerators on the use of CBMS tools for census – in the context of a CBMS-Argentina project funded under the PAGE initiative

Olavarria, Argentina

March 25-28, 2014

conferences



August 24-26, 2014 – Manila, Philippines

Special PEP session at global conference on impact evaluations

Several PEP projects were presented during an international conference held at the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) HQ, in Manila, on the theme: "**Making Impact Evaluation Matter: Better Evidence for Effective Policies and Programs**". Two of the PEP researchers presenting their work and findings won top awards for « best presentations » in different categories. The event was organized jointly by the ADB, 3ie and the PIDS. [Find out more...](#)

other pep news

A double anniversary for PEP! October 1st, 2014: PEP celebrates its 12th anniversary, along with the 1st anniversary of its Executive Director. [Find out more...](#)

PEP Executive Director goes on a tour of the Asia/Australia region to visit partners and discuss collaborations. [Find out more...](#)

The PEP-CBMS network launches the new "CBMS Accelerated Poverty Profiling", or CBMS-APP. [Find out more...](#)

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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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Including current opportunities with **CSAE** and **UNICEF**.



Find more CBMS-related news in the September issue of the **CBMS Network News Update**, including:

- Remittances, entrepreneurship and local development in the Philippines: a tale of two communities
- CBMS team in Argentina completes tablet-based census in Olavarria
- CBMS team in Tanzania is ready for data collection
- PEP execs witness first tablet-based data collection in Palawan, Philippines

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publications

working papers

The following section lists all new papers published by PEP since the last issue of the PEP-talk in June 2014

Analyse de l'évolution de l'état sanitaire et du bien-être de l'enfant et de la femme au Niger avec le Plan de Développement Sanitaire

Assessing the progress of child and women health conditions in Niger, in relation to the National Healthy Development Plan (PAPER IN FRENCH)

By Dieudonné Bléossi M. Dahoun, Olivier Manlan, Cosme Vodounou, Saint-Martin Mongan, Damien Mededji and Janvier P. Alofa (WP 2014-06)

Endogenous Savings Rate with Forward-Looking Households in a Recursive Dynamic CGE Model: Application to South Africa

By Oleksandra Betliy, Veronika Movchan and Mykola Pugachov (WP 2014-05)

Business Training Plus for Female Entrepreneurship? Short and Medium-Term Experimental Evidence from Peru

By Martin Valdivia (WP 2014-04)

Situation Analysis of Child Poverty and Deprivation in Uganda

By Yele Batana, Jane Kabubo-Mariara, Gemma Ahaiabwe, Ibrahim Kasirye, John Cockburn and Luca Tiberti (WP 2014-03)

Find all PEP working papers [here](#) and all PEP policy briefs [here](#)

Special feature: PEP staff external publications

Below is a list of recent journal publications from PEP resource persons and staff

Title	Journal and references	PEP authors, and co-authors
Adoption of improved wheat technologies and impacts on household food security in Ethiopia	Food Policy Volume 44 (2014), pp. 272-284	Bekele Shiferaw , M. Kassie, M. Jaleta and C. Yirga
Managing Vulnerability to Drought and Enhancing Livelihood Resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa: Technological, Institutional and Policy Options	Weather and Climate Extremes Volume 3 (2014), pp. 67-79	Bekele Shiferaw , K. Tesfaye, M. Kassie, T. Abate, B.M. Prasanna and A. Menkir
Impact of Improved Maize Adoption on Welfare of Farm Households in Malawi: A Panel Data Analysis	World Development Volume 59 (2014), pp. 120-131	Bekele Shiferaw , S. Bezu, G.T. Kassie and J. Ricker-Gilbert
Are there systematic gender differences in the adoption of sustainable agricultural intensification practices? Evidence from Kenya	Food Policy Volume 49 (2014), pp. 117-127	Bekele Shiferaw , S. Wagura and M. Kassie
Is Global Social Welfare Increasing? A critical-level enquiry	Journal of Public Economics Volume 118 (2014), pp. 151-162	John Cockburn , Jean-Yves Duclos and Agnès Zabsonré
Social Evaluations When Populations Differ in Size	Canadian Journal of Economics Volume 47, No. 2 (2014), pp. 605-633	Jean-Yves Duclos and Agnes Zabsonré
Pro-Poor Indirect Tax Reforms, with an Application to Mexico	International Tax and Public Finance Volume 21, No. 1 (2014), pp. 87-118	Jean-Yves Duclos , Paul Makdissi and Abdelkrim Araar
Le soutien financier à la garde d'enfants : les effets sur le travail des femmes, le revenu des familles et les finances publiques	Canadian Public Policy Volume 40, No. 3 (2014), pp. 224-244	Jean-Yves Duclos and Nicholas-James Clavet

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