PEP is holding its 10th general meeting in Cape Town, South Africa – May 2-10, 2013

Representatives from 28 developing country research teams – with a majority from low-income countries, fragile and/or conflict states – present proposals they submitted in response to the first round of the PAGE initiative (May 8-9).

Participating researchers (over 40) participate in four intensive training workshops (May 2-7 – see photo to the left) in the different research methods, techniques and tools they seek to apply in their respective projects.

The event will also feature thematic panels (May 9-10) with presentations from international experts in different areas of development research and policy analysis. Find out more about PEP general meetings… and/or follow us on Facebook!

PEP recently published its 2011-2012 Annual Report [download it directly here]

In a new and improved format, the PEP 2011-2012 Annual Report provides an overall review of PEP activities, progress and outputs in terms of research and policy analysis, capacity building and policy outreach/impact.

In particular, the annual report features descriptions of the nature and main outcomes of research projects supported by PEP in developing countries throughout 2011-2012, as well as of various special collaborative research initiatives initiated or concluded during this period.

More PEP impact stories on the web: career-promoting events

In addition to stories relating the impact of PEP-supported research on policy in developing countries, this new section of the PEP website now also features a section listing examples of how their involvement in PEP projects have lead researchers in developing countries to experience significant career-promoting events.

NEW! PEP-CHAD-UNDP collaboration

A collaborative project between PEP and the Chadian government was recently launched – with funding from the UNDP – to: “Strengthen local capacity in the construction and simulation of a CGE model for the economy of Chad”

These are the other ongoing PEP research, capacity building and 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)

“African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium” – with IFPRI

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.

Past and ongoing events

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Second edition of the PEP Laval Intensive Graduate Schools in Development Economics offering three distinct courses:

- **DEVELOPMENT POLICY MODELING**  June 3-7  
- **UNDERSTANDING THE MACRO-MICRO LINKAGES OF POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT**  June 10-14  
- **DYNAMIC IMPACTS OF MACROECONOMIC POLICIES AND SHOCKS**  June 17-21  

Registrations are closed.

**PEP-AGRODEP School: “Evaluation of Public Policies”**

For selected AGRODEP participants

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**pep news**

**Hot PEPpers: John Ataguba**

PEP Nigerian researcher John Ataguba was awarded, by the University of Cape Town, a special “Merit Award for exceptional contributions to teaching, service leadership, and social responsiveness”. Meanwhile, the outcomes from his most recent PEP-supported research study of John Ataguba - regarding multidimensional poverty in Nigeria - were published as an article in the International Journal of Social Economics. Find out more.

Contribute to expand PEP’s global outreach through Facebook!

PEP seeks to take advantage of its unique and international networking structure to encourage South-South, North-South and research-policy interactions. To help us in this, LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE to receive frequent updates on the network and members’ activities and achievements worldwide.

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**Related Events**

PEP also publicizes news and events from the development research community that may be of interest for its members:

Lab openings, training or research funding opportunities, calls for contributions, international conferences, etc. CLICK HERE to find all related recent news.

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This month, in particular, find out about current calls for papers/proposals from the IDB, DFID-ESRC and PEGNet, as well as consultancy positions with the UNDP.

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**policy briefs**

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**working papers**

Public Investment in Irrigation and Training for an Agriculture-led Development: a CGE Approach for Ethiopia - By Lulit Merit Beyene and Ermias Engida (WP 2013-02)

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**special reports**

PEP 2011-2012 Annual Report

Reviewing the activities, progress and outputs of PEP in terms of research and policy analysis, capacity building and policy outreach/impact, from October 2011 to December 2012

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