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**Special announcements**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> PAGE call for proposals is now open! Deadline is December 10, 2013**

[CLICK HERE](#) to find information about eligibility, how to apply, priority issues, etc.

The finalists of the 2<sup>nd</sup> PAGE call/round will be invited to present their proposals during **the 11<sup>th</sup> PEP general meeting to be held in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, April 30 - May 8, 2014.**



See also the most recent item of the **PEP-PAGE video series**, describing one of the projects currently being supported under the 1<sup>st</sup> (2012) PAGE round of funding:

**Assessing the impact of trade policies on growth, poverty and employment in Cambodia**

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out all about this project and watch the clip

Two more research project proposals using "community-based monitoring systems" (**CBMS**) – in **Argentina and in Burkina Faso** - have been selected for support under the first round of PAGE funding – **for a total of 25 projects supported under the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the PAGE program**



**Word from the new PEP Executive Director, Dr. Bekele Shiferaw** who took office on Oct. 1, 2013

"I'm happy to officially report for duty as the new Executive Director of this remarkable international organization that is the Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP). I come to join the PEP team with lots of enthusiasm and interest in helping to expand and strengthen its activities and impact worldwide.

The leadership and investment of my predecessor, John Cockburn, and other PEP leaders and partners around the world, have resulted in the creation of a highly-appreciated and far-sighted..." [Read more](#)

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**policy findings**

Every month, PEP publishes the findings and outcomes of projects that were selected and supported through previous calls for proposals. These projects address a wide range of policy and welfare issues in various countries. A few examples are provided below, but **more can be found here: [Recent policy findings from PEP researchers in developing countries](#)**

**Benin**

[More about the PSIA initiative](#)

**Microfinance, poverty and the empowerment of women in Benin - PAPER IN FRENCH**

[Working paper](#)



Part of a series of projects supported under the PEP-UNDP initiative to strengthen local capacities for "Poverty and Social Impact Analysis" (PSIA) in developing countries, this study sought to assess the impact of microcredit on the empowerment of female household heads in Benin, using statistical (pro-score) matching techniques. The results show that access to microcredit does have a positive and significant impact on women's empowerment, in particular through the dimensions of "social responsibilities and living conditions" and "cultural rights and participation". Find out more about this project's outcomes and ensuing recommendations through the following :

[PEP working paper](#) (in French : "Microcrédit, pauvreté et autonomisation des femmes au Bénin"):

Research team: [Dieudonné Bléossi M. DAHOUN](#) | [Alexandre Biau](#) | [Cosme Zinsou Vodounou](#) | [Innocent Lokossou](#) | [Iris Macculi](#) | [Janvier P. Alofa](#)

**Ukraine**

[More about the PSIA initiative](#)

**Poverty and Social Impact Analysis (PSIA) of increased natural gas prices and selected social guarantees in Ukraine**

[Working paper](#)



To date, the price of gas and other energy used by households in Ukraine have been generously subsidized by the government. However, suppressed energy prices lead to excessive use of gas and an inefficient level of investment in energy savings. Plus, the country's dependence on imported gas contributes to trade imbalances and growing pressure on the devaluation of the national currency. In 2010, the government announced an ambitious reform agenda, which included raising gas prices as a means to restore economic growth. Such a policy, however, may have an unprecedented impact on the welfare of the population. Also part of the PEP-UNDP PSIA initiative, this particular project sought to assess the extent of such an impact, as well as the effectiveness of current social welfare programs in mitigating the negative effects for the poorest households. Find out more about the research methods, findings and ensuing recommendations through the following

[PEP working paper](#)

Research team: [Katerina Rybalchenko](#) | [Andriy Zayika](#) | [Marcin Swiecicki](#) | [Mykola Pugachov](#) | [Valentyn Povrozhnyuk](#)

**CBMS Network updates**



**The September issue of the CBMS newsletter is now available online, featuring the following articles:**

- "Eight CBMS proposals selected for support under the PEP-PAGE initiative"
- "Training workshop on CBMS methodology to be held in Manila"
- "CBMS-Philippines conducts "training of trainers (TOT)" on updated training modules."
- "Workshop on mapping impacts of climate change on food security"

**To read the articles in full, [download the CBMS newsletter](#)**

This newsletter reports on activities held in the specific context of the [PEP-CBMS research program](#), which is coordinated by the PEP-Asia/CBMS Office team in Manila, Philippines.



**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 PEP schools and training workshops**

**Location**

**Dates**

[Training workshop in CGE modeling and macro-micro simulation techniques for PEP-PAGE researchers](#)

Dakar, Senegal

Nov. 9-11, 2013

**2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the PEP-CPEEL School : "Modeling the impacts of macroeconomic policies and shocks"** (including both basic and advanced CGE training)

Idaban, Nigeria

Oct. 28-Nov. 8, 2013

**Advanced training in CGE modeling and policy simulation techniques, to strengthen institutional capacity within the government of Chad (Ministry of Finance and Budget)**

N'Djamena, Chad

Oct. 21-Nov.1, 2013

**Training workshop on community-based monitoring systems (CBMS) for PEP-PAGE researchers**

Manila, Philippines

Oct. 21-25, 2013

## conferences



**January 28-30, 2014 – Dakar, Senegal**

**PEP selected by IDRC to host an international conference on Youth Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa (YESSA)**

The PEP African Office/team, based in Dakar (Senegal), was selected - amongst several contending institutions - by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) to host the upcoming international conference on Youth and Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa (YESSA) at the end of January 2014.

[Find out more about the event...](#)

## pep news

**The new international PEP Board of Directors is now complete:** The first official meeting of the "full" Board was held in London, UK, on November 15. [Read more...](#)

**Recruitment of two new members for the PEP-PAGE policy group member:** Mr. Mamadou Lamine Loum, Former Prime Minister of Senegal, and Mr. Yuri Soares, from the Inter-American Development Bank, will contribute to advising the next round of PAGE funding. [Read more...](#)

**Recruitment of a new member to the PEP team:** Celeste Paz will be based at the PEP Latin American Office, in Lima (Peru). [Read more...](#)

**Q-Squared: Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches in Poverty Analysis, by Paul Shaffer** - Published by Oxford University Press, this book results from research conducted in the context of the emergence and creation of PEP. [Read more...](#)

**PEP Directors meet with European institutions** to promote and extend the scope of PEP activities worldwide. [Read more...](#)

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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

Job openings, training or research funding opportunities, calls for contributions, international conferences, etc..

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This month, find out about current opportunities offered by the **ASE, IDRC** and **WTO**...

## publications

## external publications

**These are the most recent publications of PEP researchers (based on PEP-supported projects) in peer-reviewed journals.** The list also includes those articles that were accepted for publication in such journals over the past two months.

Title	Journal and references (link)	Authors
Impact of Equivalence Scales on the Spatial Distribution of Poverty in Cameroon: A Dynamic Approach	The Journal of Developing Areas Volume 48, No. 1, Winter 2014 <i>Link is forthcoming</i>	Luc Nembot Ndeffo, Ngangue Ngwen Pierre Joubert Nguetse Tegoum Cyrille Bergaly Kamdem Marianne Makoudem Tene

Find more of PEP researchers' external publications [here](#)

## working papers

The following section lists all new papers published by PEP since the last issue of the PEP-talk in September 2013

**Microcrédit, pauvreté et autonomisation des femmes au Bénin**

*Microcredit, poverty and the empowerment of women in Benin* (PAPER IN FRENCH)

By Dieudonné Bléossi M. Dahoun, Olivier Manlan, Cosme Vodounou, Saint-Martin Mongan, Damien Mededji and Janvier P. Alofa (WP 2013-13)

**Poverty and Social Impact Analysis (PSIA) of increased natural gas prices and selected social guarantees in Ukraine**

By Oleksandra Betliy, Veronika Movchan and Mykola Pugachov (WP 2013-12)

**Monetary versus non-monetary poverty in Burundi**

By Jean claude Nsabimana, Aurélien Beko, Christian Kwizera, Nicolas Ndayishimiye (WP 2013-11)

**Analyse de l'impact de la hausse mondiale des prix et des politiques de réponse du gouvernement sur la pauvreté au Togo**

*Assessing the impact of rising food prices and related policy responses on poverty in Togo* (PAPER IN FRENCH)

By Aristide Kielem, Damien Agbodji, Idrissa Diagne, Kname Bouare and Kokou Amouzouvi (WP 2013-10)

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Find previous issues of the PEP-Talk here: [PEP newsletters](#)

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