



Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Workshop: ‘Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Interactions: The Role of Environmental Science’

**4th and 5th September 2017
London, venue TBC**

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The deadline for general applications is 16:00 (BST) 14th August 2017. Invited participants will be notified on 17th August 2017

Summary

The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) is hosting a Global Challenges Research Fund community engagement workshop ‘*Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Interactions: The role of environmental science*’ in London on 4th-5th September 2017.

The aims of the workshop are to:

- Provide information about the Global Challenges Research Fund and the 2nd collective fund call [‘Interdisciplinary Research Hubs to Address Intractable Development Challenges’](#)
- Share experience and best practice in Official Development Assistance (ODA) research, forming equitable partnerships, developing interdisciplinary research programmes and delivering large scale hub investments.
- Discuss and identify opportunities for the UK environmental science community to engage in the 2nd GCRF collective fund call and facilitate links between academics, international development practitioners, beneficiaries and users across a range of disciplines.

Call for Expressions of Interest to attend

Please note that places at the workshop are limited to 250. The organisers reserve the right to select participants, based on ensuring a balance across institutions and disciplines, should places become limited. It will not be possible to provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

NERC is inviting applications to participate in the workshop from:

- Individual UK researchers based at Higher Education Institutions (HEI) or Research Organisations eligible for RCUK funding.
- Individuals from UK organisations not eligible to receive RCUK funding who feel they could make an important contribution to the research.
- Interested beneficiaries, users and international development practitioners – representatives of private, public or third sector organisations or institutions, private industry, public bodies (such as government departments, local government, regulatory authorities, etc.), non-government organisations or charities.
- Individuals based in Higher Education Institutions (HEI) or Research Organisations research offices.

Opportunity to present at the workshop

A key aim of this workshop is to facilitate links between academics, international development practitioners and end users across a range of disciplines which may form the basis of applications to the GCRF Hubs call. To this end, expressions of interest are invited from researchers, development practitioners and end users from all disciplines with an interest in the role of environmental science in development research to deliver an elevator pitch presentation at the workshop. Presentations can take the following approaches:

- Elevator pitches from attendees within the environmental science community on what they could contribute to a potential GCRF hub;
- Elevator pitches from attendees outside the environmental science community on where they see a need for environmental science;
- Proposals for 'intractable development challenges' which require the involvement of the environmental science community if they are to be overcome.

Elevator pitches should be clear, concise and clearly articulate the role of environmental science in delivering the SDG challenges.

Applications to present at the workshop will be assessed internally by a workshop organising committee who will aim to select speakers covering a range of elevator pitch approaches, ensuring a balance across institutions and disciplines. Applicants will be notified whether they have been selected to give an elevator pitch by 10th August.

Application Process and Format

The workshop will take place in London, venue TBC. Further details of the venue will be circulated to successful applicants in due course.

Individuals wishing to attend the workshop are asked to complete one of the online registration forms, following the instructions provided on the form.

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Late applications will not be considered. Submission of the online registration form will be taken as indicating availability on both days of the workshop.

Participants' contact details and areas of expertise will be made available in the workshop booklet, and details will be sent to all participants in advance of the event. The full programme of the workshop and further details will be circulated to successful applicants in August 2017.

Attending the workshop is free of charge but NERC will not be able to cover participants' travel and accommodation expenses. Lunch on both days and a networking reception on the evening of the 4th September will be provided. Applicants should indicate any special dietary or other requirements on the proforma.

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