



WOTRO Science for Global Development

Conflict and Cooperation over Natural Resources in Developing Countries (CoCooN) - Matchmaking

Call for Participation and Travel grants

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1 Introduction

The Directorate General of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) will organise matchmaking workshops within the framework of the Conflict and Cooperation over Natural Resources in Developing Countries (CoCooN) programme.

The meetings will offer opportunities for researchers and non-researchers from the South and North to substantiate and enlarge their networks, to enhance the establishment of consortia and to initiate the formulation of an Integrated Project (IP) for the CoCooN programme.

Applicants interested in establishing or joining an IP-consortium are invited to express their interest for one of the matchmaking meetings through this call for Participation and Travel Grants.

2 Aim

The CoCooN programme aims to contribute to sustainable development, poverty reduction and the realisation of the MDGs by adding to evidence-based policy development, interventions and practices in the field of conflict and cooperation on natural resources, and by contributing to adequately manage, resolve and learn from conflicts. Integrated knowledge, research and innovation Projects (IPs) are to be carried out by consortia composed of key stakeholders, including scientific and non-scientific partners from both the South and North. For more information on the programme, please consult the [programme document](#) and website www.nwo.nl/cocoon.

In order to substantiate and enlarge networks and to enhance the establishment of consortia we invite applicants to apply for participating at a matchmaking meeting to be organised in September 2009:

- 15-16 September – Addis Ababa: for Africa and the Middle East
- 22-23 September – Bogota: for South and Central America
- 29-30 September – Hanoi: for Asia and Eastern Europe

3 Guidelines for applicants

3.1 Who can apply

Stakeholders from South and North, being researchers and interested people from governmental or CSO organisations, NGO's or private agencies are invited to apply for participation. Please note that in each consortium at least one organisation should be represented from a partner country of The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A listing of these countries is annexed. The number of participants for each of the meetings will be restricted to 50.

A maximum of one representative per department of an organisation (research group, section of an organisation or institute) is eligible for participation at one of the three regional meetings.

3.2 What can be applied for

Participation

Participants are committed to join a Consortium, responsible for the joint formulation and submitting of a knowledge, research and innovation Integrated Project application. Therefore, applicants are expected to motivate their interest and to play an active role during the workshop. Selected applicants will be hosted by the organisation during the matchmaking meetings.

The workshops will include:

- Presentation of the programme: aims and objectives;
- Presentations on ongoing NGO – CSO – private sector – governmental – research initiatives;
- Work sessions on:
 - Burning regional issues;
 - The three themes: a. Conflicts, land rights and land-use change, b. Water resources, conflict and cooperation and c. Resource exploitation, global trade and conflict
 - Key features of the CoCooN Programme: e.g. making existing knowledge available, learning, stakeholder engagement, consortia building, networking, demand articulation.
- Side-events: markets, dating, informal events.

Travel Grants

There will be a limited budget available for facilitating participation, especially for representatives of financially weak organisations. Travel grants are available to contribute to the costs of travel. The travel grant will amount to a maximum of € 2,000 / person, including economy class air fair, visa costs and local travel costs. On average, a maximum amount € 30,000 for travel grants is available for each of the three workshop locations for researchers and other stakeholders with a clear interest in participating in the CoCooN programme.

3.3 When can applications be submitted

Deadline for submitting applications for participation and travel grant is August 5, 12.00 hrs, 2009. Please note that the call for Integrated Projects will be issued later this year, in July 2009.

3.4 Drawing up an application

The application form must be completed in English.

Explanatory notes for each question on the application form are provided below (the numbers refer to the questions on the application form).

1. Applicant and applicant's organisation. Please provide all details requested.
2. Matchmaking meeting: please specify one of the locations.
3. Substantiation of interest in the CoCooN programme. Please motivate your interest in the CoCooN programme.
4. Relationship applicant/applicant's organisation – CoCooN. Please describe:
 - Issues related to CoCooN on which the applicant/applicants' organisation has been/is currently working and
 - Relation to i) specific geographically delineated conflict area and ii) one or more of the themes.
5. Experience / know how / added value as IP consortium partner. Please provide information on your specific skills, past experience or expertise as a partner in a (potential) consortium.
6. Prospective role of the applicant's organisation in an IP consortium. Please refer to other potential consortium partners and specify the role of the applicant/applicant's organisation in the consortium.
7. Prospective role(s) in the matchmaking meeting. Please describe at least one role you could and would like to play in the matchmaking meeting (e.g. presentations on ongoing NGO-CSO - private sector -governmental – research initiatives; introducing work sessions on burning regional issues or CoCooN related themes or key features of the CoCooN Programme (making existing knowledge available, learning, stakeholder engagement, consortia building, networking, demand articulation); side-events such as markets, dating, informal events.
8. References. You may include max. 1 page of references, e.g. reports, policy papers, presentations, articles, websites.
9. Travel Grant. Please indicate whether or not (a partial) contribution in the travel costs is requested. In case a (partial) contribution is requested, please motivate your request.

Optional:

10. Budget requested in case a contribution to the travel costs is desired.
11. Financial details. In case a travel grant is wanted, please provide the financial details.

3.5 Specific conditions

Not applicable.

3.6 Submitting an application

The application must be submitted in duplicate: an electronic form using the Iris system and a posted or faxed, signed hard copy. The Iris system can be accessed on the NWO website.

Some additional remarks

- Foreign applicants should choose NWO-CoCooN as the applying institute;
- The electronic application consists of two parts: a fact sheet and the preliminary application form;
- The fact sheet concerns the basic details of the applicant. Note that the fact sheet can only contain plain ASCII characters and no formulas or layout formats can be used. These may be used in the application form;
- The application form is attached to the application. Note that a PDF format is required for the attachment! If you do not know how to convert your application form from a Word file to PDF format, then please allow extra time for obtaining help from your own computer support department or from the Iris helpdesk at NWO (www.iris.nwo.nl);
- Iris will confirm the receipt of your application by e-mail.

4 Assessment procedure

4.1 Procedure

Decisions on the applications for participation and reimbursement of travel costs will be taken by the Steering Committee approximately three weeks after the deadline.

4.2 Criteria

Applications will be assessed on:

- Added value in offer to or demand from the CoCooN programme (e.g. urgency or originality of issues at stake, 'unusual' disciplines, specific skills, track record)
- A balanced composition of the participants groups (geographic coverage both from North and South, variety of stakeholders groups, coverage of the three themes)
- Potential of the contribution to/role in the matchmaking meetings

4.3 Composition of committee

The composition of the Steering Committee is published on the CoCooN website.

5 Other information

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6 Annex: List of DGIS partner countries

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Benin
- Bolivia
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Colombia
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- Kosovo
- Mali
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Mozambique
- Nicaragua
- Pakistan
- Palestinian Territories
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Suriname
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Vietnam
- Yemen
- Zambia