



# WOTRO – Partnerships in research for development

WOTRO Science for Global Development seeks partners who share our commitment to science for development and who would be interested in working together to jointly develop and fund research programmes.



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Are you seeking opportunities to promote research that addresses societal needs? Do you wish to combine scientific excellence with relevance for sustainable development? Do you want to strengthen research capacity in developing countries? Are you searching for ways to create knowledge for innovation?

**Who we are** WOTRO Science for Global Development supports development-oriented scientific research on issues related to poverty alleviation, global health, ecological sustainability, and global equity and justice. As part of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, we have a public mandate to allocate funds for research.

**What we do** WOTRO funds interdisciplinary research that is embedded in both society and academia. We cover the entire spectrum of fundamental, strategic, applied, and action research. Funds are allocated through calls for proposals. Instruments vary from subsidy schemes for integrated research projects to policy-oriented short-term research as well as early-concept highly innovative research. Capacity strengthening is integrated in all our activities.

We are acknowledged for our experience and expertise in consultative research programming, assessing proposals for inter- and transdisciplinary research, promoting international research partnerships and stimulating dialogue between researchers, policy makers and practitioners.

**What we offer** WOTRO offers potential partners the opportunity to make use of our position at the interface of science and development and of our unique combination of public mandate, networks and expertise. We have ample experience in mobilising and integrating perspectives from the academic world and the development arena, resulting in research combining cutting-edge science with development relevance.



## Strengthening European-African partnerships NACCAP

**NACCAP, The Netherlands-African Partnership for Capacity Development and Clinical Interventions against Poverty-Related Diseases**, is a programme for strengthening African research capacity and development of clinical interventions for African needs. NACCAP concentrates on the funding of baseline studies, translational research and clinical trials on HIV, malaria and tuberculosis, and of research into the functioning of health services within the context of clinical trials. In NACCAP-funded projects, African researchers are expected to initiate, manage and execute health research in the field of HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. European researchers facilitate this process, and both partners benefit from the exchange of expertise.

In addition, NACCAP aims to contribute to a co-ordinated European approach of clinical trials in Africa. NACCAP is therefore part of the European & Developing Countries Clinical

Trials Partnership (EDCTP) and as such co-funds EDCTP-funded activities.

NACCAP funding is allocated via open (NACCAP and/or EDCTP) calls for proposals, complemented by commissioned projects and supporting activities. Only high-quality multidisciplinary European-African partnership programmes are funded.

A Programme Committee of internationally recognised African and European researchers is responsible for the programme strategy. All decisions must be approved by the Steering Committee that represents the interests of various stakeholders: EDCTP, public health, industry, research, and government. NACCAP encourages the involvement of private partners such as the pharmaceutical industry.

The NACCAP programme is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and managed by WOTRO.



## Joint initiatives with private foundations

# PopDev

**PopDev**, a research programme on **Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development**, is a joint initiative by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (USA) and WOTRO. The programme aims to generate knowledge about the effects of population dynamics and reproductive health on economic and social development in developing countries, and thus to strengthen the evidence base for policy and practice in these fields. In addition, it contributes to strengthening research capacity and international partnerships.

The research is to be performed by consortia bringing together researchers from The Netherlands and developing countries (with a preference for Africa). International embedding and networking is further enhanced by participation in the Hewlett-initiated Community of Research Practice on Population, Reproductive Health, and

Economic Development. The Hewlett Population Programme supports research funding schemes with various granting agencies and institutes in Africa, the USA and Europe. In order to stimulate international exchange, PopDev funds the participation of researchers in the annual Hewlett grantee meetings.

The programme is managed by WOTRO. An international expert advisory panel composed of five recognised experts in the PopDev field advises on proposals, progress and activities. Decisions on research funding are taken by the WOTRO Board.



## Partnerships with societal stakeholders

# CoCooN

**CoCooN**, a knowledge, research and innovation programme on Conflict and Cooperation over Natural Resources in Developing Countries, is managed by WOTRO and funded jointly by the Department for Environment and Water of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research. The CoCooN programme started from the idea that innovation in this field was urgently needed. A broad group of practitioners, scientists and policy-makers was brought together to reflect on how research could contribute to innovation, and how an effective programme should be designed.

This resulted into a new approach, which took knowledge rather than research as its central focus. Sharing and synthesising existing knowledge has a place next to the creation of new knowledge. CoCooN supports actors in developing countries in partnering with

international scientists and other relevant stakeholders for conflict resolution and co-operation regarding natural resources. Funding is provided to initiatives from consortia composed of partners from the developing and the developed world and from both within and outside the scientific community.

The project design allows for a process-oriented approach. During the course of a project there is room to extend, alter and add activities. After all, working towards innovation is a process of learning and adapting in a continuous and iterative process of dialogue among stakeholders.

The CoCooN programme demonstrates the way in which WOTRO develops new and pioneering approaches, adapted to specific demands and objectives from our partners.

**Interested in collaboration?** WOTRO is interested in entering into partnerships with parties from the public sector, civil society and private sector who share our commitment to global justice and sustainability.

We seek collaboration concerning any development-related sector, theme or topic. Research to be funded may be more basic or more applied in nature, long-term or short-term, but always seeks to combine scientific excellence with development relevance.

**Contact the WOTRO office** We are keen to explore avenues and modalities for possible collaboration. If you share this interest, please contact our office by calling +31 70 344 07 63, or by sending an email to [contactwotro@nwo.nl](mailto:contactwotro@nwo.nl).

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