

## Fully Funded International Workshop

# SANDEE-RUB Research and Writing Workshop in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics

5–10 August 2013 | College of Natural Resources, Lobesa, Bhutan

## Concept Note Submission Deadline is 31st May 2013

The Royal University of Bhutan (RUB) and the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) are jointly organizing a Research and Writing Workshop in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics during August 5-10, 2013 at the College of Natural Resources in Lobesa, Bhutan. The aim of this workshop is to build research capacity in the area of environment and resource economics. The objectives of the workshop are to develop research proposal writing skills among researchers beginning to work on the economics of environmental problems; to introduce researchers to current policy concerns and research themes related to environment and development across South Asia; and to encourage original research that can contribute to sustainable development in Bhutan and the South Asia region. The workshop will provide an opportunity for Bhutanese researchers, especially researchers in RUB, interested in the field of environmental and natural resource economics to become more familiar with research concepts and techniques. International and local experts will conduct the workshop.

The workshop will provide practical training where participants first identify research issues and then develop research concepts into research proposals under the guidance and assistance of resource persons. It will enable participants to strengthen skills related to logically developing research ideas, examining and drawing from known literature, assessing data availability and adequacy for answering research questions, and improving presentation skills. Resource persons will provide technical inputs on individual research concepts identified by participants

A total of 12-14 participants, of which at least 10 are from the Royal University of Bhutan, will be invited to participate in the workshop based on Concept Notes submitted by the participants. Participants will initially present their research concepts to peers and receive comments. Reading some new research papers and informal consultation with experts will follow. The candidates will have to present a modified version of the research concept again based on these discussions, which will help them shape a complete proposal for submitting to SANDEE or other funding/training agencies.

### Eligibility

- A background in Economics, Natural Resources (agriculture, forest science), Business, Environment, Green Technology etc. with a Master's Degree and two years of research or teaching experience is essential. Candidates with a Ph.D. or working towards or with future plans for a Ph.D. degree are encouraged. Some background and understanding of economics is necessary given the focus of the workshop.
- Interest in research and teaching related to Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- Women, mid-career and young applicants are encouraged to apply
- Quantitative skills and previous research experience would be helpful
- Only Bhutanese researchers are eligible to apply (co-PIs can be from elsewhere).
- Multi-disciplinary teams of two are eligible and encouraged.

### Requirements for Application

- Apply with a short CV (no more than 2 pages) and a cover letter (no more than 250 words) expressing research interest
- A 3 page concept note (as per the attached guidelines) should be submitted
- Key research topics for the concept note include: Climate change mitigation and adaptation, Costs of air and water pollution, Payments for ecosystem services, Co-management of forestry and fisheries, Policy instruments for greener growth and environmental management, Eco-tourism, Adapting to natural disasters, Wildlife and human conflicts, Economics of green technology adoption etc.
- Apply directly to Dr Dorji Thinley at [dthinley6789@gmail.com](mailto:dthinley6789@gmail.com) or [dthinley.ovc@rub.edu.bt](mailto:dthinley.ovc@rub.edu.bt) with a copy to [application@sandeeonline.org](mailto:application@sandeeonline.org) and [cddorji@gmail.com](mailto:cddorji@gmail.com) by 31st May 2013.

**The quality of the concept note will be the main criteria for the selection of the candidate.**

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For further queries or clarifications, the candidates are advised to contact the given email addresses and also visit [www.sandeeonline.org](http://www.sandeeonline.org).

### Logistics

The workshop will be held at the College of Natural Resources, Lobesa, Bhutan. The workshop will be fully residential and organizers will provide accommodation and meals for the duration of the workshop, necessary course materials and reasonable travel claims on the basis of actual expenses to the participants.



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