

Grants for Global Environmental Change Research in Africa: Research & Learning Forum

Research Theme: Climate change, agriculture and food security with an emphasis on the sustainability of ecosystem services

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At the completion of the 2011 GEC projects, START proposes to organize a *Research and Learning Forum on GEC Research* that will bring all project teams together with relevant regional and international experts and representatives of organizations that promote policy and outreach.

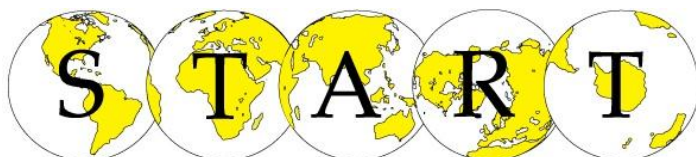


Collateral one-time funding from CDKN will make it possible to hold the first forum in November 2012 for researchers of the 2011 GEC Grants. The objectives of the Forum are 1) for GEC research grant PIs and others to share, interpret and synthesize research findings; 2) to identify research priorities to guide future sub-award calls; and 3) to devise strategies for enhancing communication between science, policy and practice.

The anticipated outcomes of the proposed Forum include an expanded collaborative network among African scientists engaged in GEC research; strategies developed for knowledge sharing between GEC scientists, policy makers and other key stakeholders, and identification of innovative communication tools and methods for reaching them. Products that summarize forum discussions and synthesize priority recommendations across the supported research projects will be prepared in a manner that promotes fast-track publication for both scientific and policy audiences, such as through articles in peer-reviewed international journals, policy briefs, and other appropriate communication materials determined through discussions at the Forum.



The emphasis of the Forum on communication actions will not only help to strengthen knowledge exchange within these regions but also ensure that knowledge advances from this program contribute to current and upcoming international assessments.



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