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## General Assembly meeting Monday 29th of June

### Agenda

1. *General* discussion on activities and expected outcomes;
2. Procedures;
3. Activities 2009
  1. Young Leaders; First meeting in South Africa
  2. Educational workshop in Wageningen (November 2009)



## Research

- International research network
- 3 RESEARCH SEMINARS (17 AFRICAN; 3 EU SCIENTISTS) first combined with Atlas Africa conference
  - 2009: Gaborone
  - 2010: Dar-es-Salaam (January/February 2010??)
  - 2011: Rwanda (October/November 2009??)



## Research outputs

- 2 new research proposals prepared and implemented;
- Developed and agreed research agenda (5-10 years);
- Booklet summarizing results of 3 research seminars;
- On-line data base of research results;
- At least 2 peer reviewed articles



## Education

### Main activities:

- 10 DAY TRAINING PROGRAM IN NL (November 2009)
- Development of 2 educational modules
  - Tourism and nature conservation (OULU is EU-partner)
  - Tourism and Poverty Alleviation (SHU is EU-partner)



## Education

Discussion on outputs:

Output:

- 2 TAILOR MADE MODULES (of each 6 ECTS)
  - Outlines and teaching materials; student readers etc.
  - Implementation of modules (student participation lists)
- CPD MODULES
  - At least 3 out of 6 universities have implemented the modules successfully (including national accreditation)



## Young Leaders

- 12 Excellent Postgraduates
- 3 seminars; 2 combined with educational fieldtrips
- Facilitated internships at AWF; SNV and others



## Selection of Young Leaders: *criteria*

- Candidates have to possess at least a Master of Science/Arts (MSc/MA) degree and be able to demonstrate their active involvement in the field of sustainable tourism development, especially in relation to nature conservation and/or poverty alleviation, as part of their academic work
- Candidates have to be able to show their engagement with innovative ideas, abstract concepts as well as their ability to transfer academic knowledge into the everyday practice of tourism
- 3A-STEP is thriving for equal opportunities and therefore we highly encourage the application of *female* researchers, who will make up *at least 50%* of the Southern and Eastern African Young Leaders Team.



## Necessary Documents

- Letter of application (including statements of motivation to participate in the Southern and Eastern African Young Leaders Team);
- Current resume/curriculum vitae;
- A research proposal (no more than 1000 words ) introducing the topic and research methodology;
- 2 letters of support by tourism experts (with at least one coming from the applicant's higher education institution);
- Official Transcripts of Records (e.g. MSc Diplomas);
- A recent sample of your research activity (a scientific article, MSc thesis, research report, etc.).



## Young Leaders can expect:

- Research preparation support through a small field-work stipend fund
- International guidance and supervision of PhD or research projects
- Participation in 3 regional seminars in 3 different countries (South Africa, Rwanda and Kenya) for 3-5 days
- Participation in 2 research-oriented educational tours (which are connected to the seminars in South Africa and Rwanda)
- Facilitation and supervision of an internship period between 2 and 4 months at the African Wildlife Foundation, SNV Netherlands Development Organisation or other environmental/ developmental NGOs, public or private sector organizations in Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, Rwanda, Tanzania or Uganda (for a maximum 50% of Young Leaders Team members)



## Young Leaders outputs:

- Post-graduate research proposals;
- Relevant research executed, presented, defended and reported;
- Full research proposals in Year 3;
- Evaluation reports on educational tours;
- Booklet with research reports, lessons-learned, future plans, contact details etc.
- Internships + reports on work done



## 2. Procedures

- General principles (EU/WUR/External auditing)
- Contract
- Payments of staff costs
- Time sheets
- Reporting



### 3. Agenda Tuesday Afternoon :

#### Activities 2009 and beyond

- Summary of main agreements made on Monday
- Young Leaders: seminar (3 days) + educational tour (5 days)
- Educational workshop November 2009
- Research and seminar February 2010
- Website
- Any other issues (logistics Atlas Africa conference etc.)



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Thank you!