



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN SCIENCE COMPETITION

Deadline – August 15, 2008

This competition is open to all young professionals (**18-35 years**) in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). It seeks to promote scientific excellence and **recognize and reward** outstanding young professionals who are undertaking innovative research, technology development or agriculture related activities and communicating the outputs (knowledge, technologies and approaches) to improve agricultural performance in SSA.

Who can participate?

Young nationals of SSA are encouraged to participate. Individual and group entries will be accepted. Entries should demonstrate effective partnerships and combination of skills and/or engagement with peers and or rural communities. The role and contribution of the young professional(s) must be clearly demonstrated in group submissions.

What is the scope?

Entries can include any science, technology and innovation (ST&I) related activity undertaken within the last five years that shows measurable impact (potential or demonstrated) **on agricultural development or rural livelihoods of African communities**. Entries should include communication strategies and tools used to disseminate scientific findings, technologies, new knowledge or approaches.

Guidelines

Entrants must submit a two-page (A4) **abstract** (1500 – 2000 words) that clearly details the successful ST&I project including the objectives, methodology, results, conclusion, information and communication strategy, and impact on agricultural development and /or livelihoods of rural communities. Entries must include full contact details; name, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address on submissions. Abstracts should be e-mailed to info@atpsnet.org and copied to laduke@atpsnet.org. The deadline for submission is **August 15, 2008**. Abstracts received after the deadline will not be considered.

Evaluation and announcement of winners

Abstracts will be evaluated by a panel of experts including scientists, gender and information and communication technologies (ICT) experts. Successful entrants will be invited to submit full papers of not more than 4 – 6 pages by **September 30, 2008** in keeping with competition guidelines. Only those young professionals who have submitted full papers by **September 30, 2008** will be invited to attend the Ministerial Meeting on Higher Education, which will be held in **Lusaka, Zambia October 22-31, 2008**. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Ministerial Forum.

Competition organizers

The Technical Center for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (ACP-EU), the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), the Alliance for a Green revolution in Africa (AGRA) and the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS).