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CALL FOR WOMEN SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING AND NETWORKING ON CLIMATE CHANGE ASSESSMENT, INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND POLICY ADVOCACY

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The International Foundation for Science (IFS) Eastern Africa Hub together with the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), the Regional Center for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) and the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Center (ICPAC) with support from NORAD have the pleasure to announce a training and networking project on “**enhancing the participation of African Women Scientists in Climate Change Assessment, Information Dissemination and Policy Advocacy**”. The program which will run from August 2010 – August 2012 will aim to promote the implementation of climate change adaptation and mitigation measures in Eastern Africa through enhancing the capacities of women scientists. **The overall goal of the project is to build the capacity to adapt to, and mitigate climate change in order to contribute to environmental sustainability and poverty reduction in Eastern Africa countries.**

The project will include training of women scientists in climate change and variability concepts, introduction to data and tools; training in GIS and remote sensing for climate change studies; training on climate change social impact assessment: a gendered approach; and training in advanced climate change modeling. The targeted women will obtain skills, tools and networking opportunities in climate change information dissemination and policy advocacy. They will also participate in the annual Regional Forum on Climate Change that is often organized by ICPAC

Target Group:

Applications are invited from women scientists in Universities and research institutions within the Eastern Africa countries (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda). The candidates must have at least an MSc. degree or equivalent in Environmental Science or Meteorology or any other

discipline related to climate change and should be below 50 years of age. For better impact the selected participants would be expected to participate in all the trainings and workshops during the project period. The trainings and workshops will be taking durations of 5–14 days every May and August of each year of implementation starting August 2010 and ending August 2012.

How to apply:

Applicants should send their applications as email attachments to:

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with a copy to w.ekaya@ruforum.org or ekaya@africaonline.co.ke .

Please use the application form provided here:

http://www.ifs.se/Programme/WomenScientists_ClimateChange2010_ApplicationForm.doc

The application must include the following:

- 1- Biodata
- 2- The motivation to attend: How will training benefit the participant, own institution and country?
- 3- Affirmation to consistently participate in the trainings and workshops
- 4- A separate copy of endorsed support letter from supervisor from own institution/organization re-affirming that the participant will be released to attend the trainings and workshops

Deadline for application:

Applications should reach the mentioned e-mail addresses by July 23rd 2010. Only successful candidates will be informed by 30th July 2010.

Costs: Costs for tuition, air ticket, inland transport, visa, accommodation, and modest subsistence will be provided to selected participants. However, each participant will bear the costs of travel and/or health insurance.

Venues:

The training in climate change and the participation in the Regional Forum on Climate Change scheduled for August 2010 will take place at the IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), Nairobi, Kenya. The Regional Center for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) will host the training in GIS and remote sensing. Participants will be duly informed of the venues for each of the trainings and workshops.