



WOMEN IN SCIENCE COMPETITION

Deadline – August 15, 2008

This competition seeks to identify and recognize women scientists in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) who are engaged in innovative and pioneering research and communicating the outputs (knowledge, technologies, approaches) for enhancing agricultural performance in SSA. It also targets women who are repackaging and communicating existing knowledge to improve agricultural productivity and livelihoods of rural communities. Women scientists who are advocating for policy change to optimize the benefits of scientific and technological developments are also targeted.

Who can participate?

Women scientists, researchers, educators, extension workers, agro-entrepreneurs and farmers of SSA are encouraged to participate. Individual and group entries will be accepted. Entries should demonstrate the pursuit, documentation and dissemination of scientific and technical knowledge including technologies and approaches and effective partnerships with peers and / or rural communities, policymakers, farmers and agro-entrepreneurs.

What is the scope?

Entries can include existing or ongoing research work and projects or programmes undertaken within the last five years that shows measurable impact (potential or demonstrated) **on agricultural development** and / or **rural livelihoods of African communities especially women farmers**. Entries should include gender responsive strategies that incorporate a strong element of communication and outreach.

Guidelines

Entrants must submit a two page (A4) **abstract** (1500 – 2000 words) that clearly details the objectives, methodology, results and conclusion of the successful project/programme including the information and communication strategy and tools, and impact on agriculture and/or rural livelihoods. 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 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 specialists 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. Women scientists whose full papers are received by **September 30, 2008** and approved by the panel will be supported to attend the Ministerial Meeting on Higher Education, which will be held in **Lusaka, Zambia October 22-31, 2008**. The top five 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).