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Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

14th ANNUAL BIOECON CONFERENCE ON “Resource Economics, Biodiversity Conservation and Development”

19-20 September 2012
Kings College, Cambridge
United Kingdom

*Hosted by the Department of Land Economy of the University of Cambridge and
the Department of Spatial Economics of VU University Amsterdam*

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The Scientific Partners of BIOECON are pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual International BIOECON conference on “Resource Economics, Biodiversity Conservation and Development”. The conference will be held in the historical premises of **Kings College Cambridge, England on 19-20 September 2012**. The conference will be of interest to both researchers and policy makers working on biodiversity policy, especially natural resources in developing countries.

The conference takes a broad interest in the area of resources, development and conservation, including but not limited to: plant genetic resources and food security issues, deforestation and development, fisheries and institutional adaptation, development and conservation, wildlife conservation and park pricing, and international trade and regulation. The conference will have sessions on economic development and biodiversity conservation, and on institutions and institutional change pertaining to the management of living resources.

Papers are specially invited on the themes of:

- Different institutional frameworks for resource conservation (property rights, etc)
- Developing countries and issues of governance and management of natural resources
- Resources management, distribution, equity, conflict, conservation, growth and development, poverty alleviation
- Biological diversity and its global conservation
- Valuation of ecosystem services and their application to biodiversity conservation
- Incorporating natural capital into inclusive wealth accounting
- Foundations for provision of global public goods
- Market creation for biodiversity and PES schemes
- Policy evaluation of biodiversity related policies.



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The conference will take place over two days, with sessions consisting of papers on all of the above themes. In addition, there will be policy forums chaired by the Institutional Partners of BIOECON on mainstreaming ecosystem services into development policies, on the trade-offs between food security and ecosystem service provision, the development of beneficiary pays markets (such as habitat banking), on poverty alleviation and biodiversity conservation and on developments in biodiversity policy impact assessment.

Keynote speakers for the 14th BIOECON Conference are:

[Professor Jean-Marie Baland](#)

Centre of Research in the Economics of Development (CRED), University of Namur, Belgium

[Professor Stefanie Engel](#)

Institute for Environmental Decisions, Department of Environmental Sciences, ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Papers may be submitted for presentation within the conference and will be considered by the scientific programme committee. Electronic copies of completed papers should be sent to Dr. Andreas Kontoleon (ak219@cam.ac.uk) no later than **14th May 2012**. Please include abstract and keywords with your submission. Acceptance of papers will be notified by email by **1st June 2012**.

It is also possible to submit 3-4 papers together as a suggested “session” under one of the themes indicated above. The Scientific Partners reserve the right to accept papers on an individual basis, so it is possible that even when a session is not accepted, individual papers within the session might be so.

The conference will open with a reception at Kings College on early evening of 18th of September. Conference sessions will commence on the morning of the 19th of September and conclude on the afternoon of the 20th of September. The conference banquet will take place at the main Dining Hall of Kings College on the evening of the 19th of September.

There is a 100 Euro **registration fee** for all invited paper presenters that will cover the costs of 2 nights single accommodation, reception, lunches, and conference if banquet. There is a 200 Euro registration fee for all other participants that will include the banquet, lunches and refreshments, but not accommodation. There is a 100 Euro registration fee for day-participants (that includes lunches and refreshments but not lodging and the conference banquet).

The Partners of BIOECON are attempting to raise funds to subsidise the travel of participants from developing countries. Persons from developing countries should feel free to send papers in response to the Call. If accepted, please respond immediately to the Secretariat indicating that participation in the conference would be conditional on receipt of funds to cover travel and local expenses. If funds are available, they will be rationed between developing country participants in accordance with the rating of the accepted paper.

Registration will open on 1st May 2012. Registrations for conference presenters are due by **20th June 2012**. Registration for all other participants closes on the **20th August 2012**.

Further registration details and all other conference information will be provided on the BIOECON website at www.bioecon-network.org.



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