Annex 1b: Template for full proposal research plan

**r4d programme: Third thematically open call**

The submission of full proposals is upon invitation by the Review Panel only.

The research plan must fulfil the following criteria for a successful submission:

* The research plan is to be submitted in English,
* The research plan must **not exceed twenty pages**, excluding the cover page and the bibliography
* A minimum of point 10 font size and 1.5 line spacing must be used,
* Annexed documents are not accepted,
* The research plan must be submitted using this form through mySNF (deadline: **12 January 2018**)

**Cover page**

**Responsible applicant**

Name, First name

**Further applicant(s)**

Name, First name

**Project title**

**Short title**

**Research plan**

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| 1. State of knowledge in the field and novelty of the project   Set out the scientific background and basis of your project. Explain the need to perform research on the topic you propose, related to the *local* situation and current *national* and *international* development debates and policies. Please highlight the research gap your research will bridge and the novelty of the topic, approach or method you propose. |
| 1. Research hypotheses and objectives of the project   Specify the research hypotheses and the concrete objectives that you aim to achieve during the lifetime of the project. Explain why the issue looked at is of global importance and which nexus/trade-offs of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development will be addressed. |
| 1. Methodology   Define the following:   * methods by which the research goals are to be reached * academic disciplines involved * data situation/collection of data * clear rationale for the country selection |
| 1. Potential impact of the project and its relevance for development   Explain, through a short context analysis at local, national and international level, how the project (findings) will contribute to the achievement of the r4d programme objectives (Annex 6) and of the SDGs. Detail which multi-sectoral interactions within the 2030 Agenda will be looked at through the research project. Furthermore, explain how results could be used for policy making and/or practice.  Guiding questions include:   * To which extent will the research project bring novel and innovative perspectives, approaches, methodology and/or knowledge that will accelerate transformations towards sustainable development? * How and to which extent will this research contribute to sustainable transformations for the benefit of the poor segments of the population taking into account relevant local, national and international debates and policies? * To what extent will the results of the research support evidence-based decision-making and policy? * Which multi-sectoral interaction(s) (nexus, trade-off) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is/are investigated through the research project and how is the concept of of sustainable development integrated? * When, how and why (relevance) are different academic disciplines and non-academic stakeholders involved in the research process? * Which knowledge management, communication and application endeavours are foreseen in order to facilitate the utilisation of the research findings for policy making and/or practice?  1. Timeframe and milestones   Provide a schedule for the work to be carried out within the project and indicate the most important milestones for all persons involved for the entire duration of the project. |
| 1. Organisation of research groups   Describe the management scheme for the project and point out the collaboration between the research teams and the different disciplines, as well as their contribution to the project. Justify the participation of countries of group 2 with regard to your research objectives. Comment briefly on the role of the individual PhD students and Postdocs. |
| 1. Pathways to impact   Please consider Annex 2: “Guidelines Pathways to Impact”.  Explain how results will be implemented into policy and/or practice by describing:   * the expected change scenarios * the key stakeholders, and * winners and losers. |
| 1. Strategy for Application and Communication   Please consider Annex 3: “Guidelines Application and Communication Strategy”.  Describe the overall communication strategy of the project, how research results will be communicated to and exchanged with different potential users/stakeholders and how they will be translated into policy and practice. |
| 1. Results Framework   Please consider Annex 4: “Guidelines Results Framework”.   1. Bibliography   The bibliography must be part of the document, but does not count towards the 20-page restriction. |