Objectives

• Inform the community about the background and purpose of GCRF
• Share information on GCRF funding opportunities, specifically:
  - the first STFC GCRF Foundation call; and
  - the RCUK Interdisciplinary Research Hubs call
• Understand some practical aspects of working with developing countries from practitioners
• Provide advice on how to write a good GCRF proposal and understand ODA compliance
• STFC to listen to the needs of our research and user community for developing and running successful GCRF projects.
Programme

10:30  Welcome and introductions
       Dr Jason Green, Head of External Innovations and 21st Century Challenges, STFC

10:40  GCRF overview - RCUK update
       Dr Mark Claydon-Smith, Associate Director International Development, RCUK

11:10  Introduction to the STFC Foundation Call and ODA compliance
       Dr Katharine Hollinshead/Stephen Loader, STFC

11:30  UK Collaborative on Development Sciences
       Vicky Morgan, Director UKCDS

11:50  ODA issues in STFC’s Newton-Bhabha projects
       Dr Rajeev Pattathil, Central Laser Facility, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

12:10  Capacity Building for Radio Astronomy
       Dr Mark Thompson, University of Hertfordshire

12:30  Lunch and networking

13:20  Details of the STFC GCRF call, Lessons learned from other research councils
       Katharine Hollinshead/Stephen Loader

13:40  Q&A

14:00  Networking and informal 1:1 surgeries with STFC GCRF staff

15:00  Close
GCRF Background and Aims

- £1.5bn allocated for GCRF between 2016/17 and 2020/21.
- ODA-funded activity focuses on outcomes that promote long-term sustainable growth of countries on OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list.
- Ensure that UK research takes a leading role in addressing the problems faced by developing countries.
- Harness the expertise of the UK’s world-class research base to explore new solutions and approaches to tackling global challenges.
- Focus on challenge-led disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and by strengthening capacity for research, innovation and knowledge exchange.
- Not geographically specific, but research proposals with a focus on the poorest developing countries particularly welcome.
The Global Goals for Sustainable Development

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-Being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality
6. Clean Water and Sanitation
7. Affordable and Clean Energy
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
12. Responsible Consumption and Production
13. Climate Action
14. Life Below Water
15. Life on Land
16. Peace and Justice Strong Institutions
17. Partnerships for the Goals