

Global Challenges Research Fund

Briefing Workshop

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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

- Part of UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment. Established in 2016.
- £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.

