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ERSA TRAINING WORKSHOP ON MODELING OF ILLEGAL BEHAVIOUR IN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

ERSA and the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town invite you to attend a Training Workshop on Modelling of Illegal Behaviour in Natural Resource Management in Developing Countries.

Date: 17 – 19 January 2013
Time: 09H00 – 16H00 (daily)
Venue: University of Cape Town

Objective

The principal objective of the workshop is to teach advanced graduate students and academic researchers the techniques of formalizing socio-economics of crime and punishment as it relates to natural resource management. It is expected that by the end of the workshop, the participant will become familiar with various types of socio-economic models of criminal behaviour in static and dynamic settings, how to specify empirical models that derive from the theoretical models, how to collect data on criminal behaviour to estimate the empirical models.

The workshop will among other things address issues such as:

1. Model criminal behavior in natural resources extraction in a static and dynamic setting,
2. Construct empirical models based on the theoretical results on criminal behavior in resource extraction
3. Highlight challenges associated with data collection on criminal behavior
4. Discuss policy implication of potential empirical results

The guest lecturer, Dr Wisdom Akpalu, will discuss several models partly based on his work as well as that of others on the topic. However participants are encouraged to discuss their on-going or intended related works.

Guest Lecturer

Dr. Wisdom Akpalu, teaches economics at State University of New York, Farmingdale; and directs the Center for Environmental Economics Research & Consultancy, Ghana. He obtained his PhD in Economics (with specialization in environmental and resource economics) from Gothenburg University in September, 2006. Over the last five years, Dr. Akpalu has published 18 journal articles in international peer-reviewed journals, 2 book chapters, and several peer-reviewed working and discussion papers. A number of his work is on illegal fishing in developing countries. In addition, Dr. Akpalu reviews articles for several journals including Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Ecological Economics, Environment and Development Economics, Economic Modeling, and Australian Journal of Agriculture and Resource Economics.

Workshop target audience

The workshop targets natural resource economics researchers and graduate students. Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered for a limited number of participants from South African institutions.

Places are limited and access to the workshop is entirely at the discretion of the workshop organizers.

Application to attend:

Apply for participation by submitting a CV and short paragraph outlining your interest in the subject. Please send this to Yoemna Mosaval at yoemna.mosaval@econrsa.org by **7 September 2012**.

Workshop Convener: A/Prof Edwin Muchapondwa, School of Economics, University of Cape Town.