

## Application to travel grants for researchers from southern countries

### 1- What are your motivations to participate to sfécologie 2016?

In the early stages of my career, I am expecting from this conference: **scientific knowledge, international experience and co-operation, exchange of experience with experts, practical training, development strategies, and technology transfer for a better career options and better professional performance.** The key objectives being to enhance my research capabilities, develop skills and experience, explore opportunities to build lasting networks and international collaborative links and exchange ideas.

I want to improve the knowledge base on food security and climate change dimensions and stimulate the integration of this knowledge in planning and decision making for sustainable development through development of case studies, guidelines, and dissemination. Moreover, I am expecting to gain maximum benefit from opportunities of collaborative research and education activities. I will exchange, share information and develop skills that will enable me to expand my ability to undertake/carry on research. I will be acquainted an educational tool to disseminate knowledge on **Agricultural Ecology**. Finally, I will learn more and I will be exposed to case studies of the themes provided. At the end I would become a:

- ☞ graduate who has an integrated, technical knowledge of the concepts of ecological management and climate change;
- ☞ researcher who can act as a nucleus in his local environment through dissemination and teaching of acquired knowledge (*i.e., learn to sustainably increase agricultural productivity and incomes in order to meet national food security and development goals*);
- ☞ key person able to perform and supervise research various Environmental fields.

### 2- Explain why you should beneficiate of a grant to participate to sfécologie 2016

From an economically disadvantaged developing country, I require financial assistance to enable me to take up a place for the conference. In today's climate it is harder and harder for me to afford to attend such event in the France. My present income cannot meet the financial requirements (registration fees, living, and other expenses) to come in France. It is often very difficult for young scientists to pursue their study/research in developing countries and fulfil their dreams. Many obstacles are encountered, including those of transport and access to sites, lack of contact with other peers, and the difficulty of obtaining and maintaining the necessary equipment. Bursary and prizes can help to ease the financial burden and to acknowledge outstanding achievement, as they are a great way of gaining access to high-quality information. International support is necessary to participate in this event and related research.

I am enterprising, I possess good interpersonal skills and I have the potential to become future leader in academic, community or governmental institutions. I should be well placed to be a catalyst for change when I return. I am an individual who can excel in a challenging, interdisciplinary academic environment and aspire to become a scientific leader whose research and teaching solves problems in Sustainable Development in general. By receiving this assistance, I am expected to gain maximum benefit from opportunities and international expertise.