

## Application to travel grants for researchers from southern countries

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

The last decades have brought new views on agricultural policy and management and many initiatives and actions have been going on to enhance sustainable agricultural development and to stop uncontrolled deforestation. The prudent management of our precious resources, environmental conservation, sustainable development and the alleviation of poverty are high on the agenda of global concerns.

I expect to gain from this conference:

- ☞ new research techniques and to broaden my own base of knowledge;
- ☞ knowledge to analyse and assess agricultural and environmental systems and problems;
- ☞ skills necessary to contribute, directly or indirectly, to the conservation and prudent use of natural resources for the benefit of society;
- ☞ build networks and international collaborative links.

I wish also to participate to sfécologie 2016 in order to increase my capability to contribute to the extension, application and diffusion of knowledge, to have the opportunity to attend a well-structured event which best meets my interests in ecological and agricultural concerns, and finally to be able to do at least one of the following:

- ☞ contribute/help to the formulation of a more adequate operational framework for agricultural-based development home, through the critical discussion of current strategies for rural development;
- ☞ assist in refining and implementing work to develop pragmatic strategies for the management, with the view to designing new policy options to fight against food insecurity and poverty alleviation;
- ☞ facilitate linkage between poor farmers and research institutions, coordinate community resource.

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

I am committed to concerns of global climate change and poverty issues, with particular focus on the role of Women and Girls in Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development. I am particularly involved in Educating women regarding their rights in the community and improving girls' to access better-quality education, equalizing access to economic opportunities and reducing productivity gaps between women and men; giving women a stronger voice in households and societies, and limiting the transmission of gender inequality across generations.

There is a need to improving access to education and better-quality education to help to reduce some of the wage gap and, more importantly, allow women to diversify by widening the opportunities available to them. There is also a need to close the gender gap in access to agricultural resources, education, extension, financial services, and labour markets; to invest in labour-saving and productivity-enhancing technologies and infrastructure to free women's time for more productive activities; and to facilitate women's participation in flexible, efficient, and fair rural labour markets. As a researcher of a southern country – Cameroon, I do need financial assistance to enable me to take up a place for the conference.

International support is necessary to participate in this event. It is the only way to acknowledge outstanding achievement and gain access to high-quality information.