

Call for Expression of Interest – Technical Workshop on Impact Evaluation and Monte Carlo Simulation

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In line with its mission to build and strengthen capacity, as well as generating policy relevant economics research for informed policy making on the continent, guided by rigor and evidence, AERC is organizing a technical workshop to enhance the skills of researchers in *Impact Evaluation (RCTs/Experiments)¹ and Monte Carlo Simulation*. The impact evaluation component of the course is a joint initiative between AERC and the University of Groningen, the Netherlands. The technical workshop will be biased towards “inclusive finance”, and will take place from 26 February to 9 March 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya, at a venue to be announced later. The course will cover several topics on the theory and empirical application of impact evaluation and Monte Carlo Simulation. A number of practical exercises on materials covered and practical issues related to the course will be taught and discussed.

Interested network members are hereby invited to respond to the call for expression of interest. A CV and a brief motivational statement should accompany the expression of interest.

To be eligible, one must satisfy the following criteria:

- i) Must have at least a Master's Degree in economics or related field from a recognized university;
- ii) Must have submitted or plans to submit a project proposal under the AERC thematic research, OR;
- iii) Have an on-going thesis (CPP) at analysis stage;
- iv) Having interest in financial economics will be an added advantage.

Eligible women are encouraged to apply.

The deadline for receiving the expression of interest is **25 January 2018**. The expression of interest should be sent by email to research@aercafrica.org

¹ RCT = randomised controlled trial.