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The International Growth Centre (IGC) is pleased to issue a call for proposals for high quality research under the Ethiopia Country Programme.

The Ethiopia Country Programme aims to commission research that responds directly to Ethiopian policymakers' questions and thus contributes to the evidence base that informs policy decisions.

This call for proposals seeks high quality research that is in line with the research priorities of the country programme. These priorities (outlined in Table 1) were determined through extensive consultation with Ethiopian policymakers, and are intended to fill existing research gaps and address related policy questions. Submissions that deal with the thematic areas and specific topics outlined below are strongly welcomed. However, the list in Table 1 is not exhaustive. Other proposals that fall within the IGC's four thematic research areas (state effectiveness, firm capabilities, cities, and energy), particularly those that will push forward the frontier of knowledge and contribute to policymaking in Ethiopia, will also be welcomed.

All proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Technical strength and quality
- Policy relevance
- Value for money
- Local content (capacity building)

The deadline for submission of proposals is 1 December 2014.

Please send completed project proposal forms to [researchprogramme@theigc.org](mailto:researchprogramme@theigc.org), copying in Yared Seid ([yared.seid@theigc.org](mailto:yared.seid@theigc.org)), Miska Daredia ([miska.daredia@theigc.org](mailto:miska.daredia@theigc.org)) and Michelle Jacob ([michelle.jacob@theigc.org](mailto:michelle.jacob@theigc.org)).

Table 1

| Thematic Area          | Topic  |
|------------------------|--|
| Industrial Development | The role and management of industrial zones                                    |
|                        | Private sector development and constraints                                     |
|                        | Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)                         |
|                        | Agro-processing firms: how to promote competitiveness in this sector           |
|                        | Informal sector: pathways through which informal firms might move to formality |

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Agricultural  
Development

Impacts of the Universal Rural Road Access Programme (URRAP)

Farmers' groups and cooperatives: is there an optimal size for farmer groups and cooperatives?

Agricultural development, commodity exchange and forward markets: viability of introducing more stable crops to the Ethiopian Commodity Exchange; the establishment of a forward market

Cities

Impact evaluation of the lottery-based, government-subsidised housing scheme in Ethiopia

Urban policy in rapidly growing urban settlements

Urban-rural links, transport costs and structural change

Agglomeration: are Ethiopia's cities generating the kinds of agglomeration externalities the literature suggests, or are they instead 'consumption cities'? How do agglomeration benefits vary across industry sector?

Domestic Savings  
and Policies

Measurement of and policies to boost domestic savings in Ethiopia

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