

## IGC Tanzania: Call for Proposals

The International Growth Centre (IGC) is pleased to issue a call for proposals for frontier research on economic growth that will feed directly into policy, under the IGC's Tanzania Country Programme.

Proposals for policy-relevant research relating to the following thematic areas are particularly welcome:

- **State capabilities**, including issues of public economics, public finance, macroeconomics and the political economy of growth;
- **Firm capabilities**, including agricultural productivity, trade promotion and industrial policy, employment and job creation;
- **Cities and urbanization**, including issues of rural-urban migration, property rights, zoning and land use, infrastructure and economic geography; and
- **Energy**, including the economics and political economy of the natural gas sector.

In commissioning research, the IGC's goal is to provide the evidence base that is lacking on key research and policy questions raised by Tanzanian policymakers. Some of these themes are set out in Table 1 below, and submissions that meet these criteria are strongly welcomed.

However, whilst Table 1 provides some examples and suggestions of possible research themes, this is an illustrative and not exhaustive list. Other proposals in the four thematic areas above, particularly those that push forward the frontier of knowledge and make important contributions to policymaking in Tanzania, will also be welcomed.

**Research proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:**

- **Technical strength and quality**
- **Policy relevance and stakeholder engagement**
- **Value for money**
- **Local content (engagement of local researchers at multiple levels)**

Kindly note that the IGC places strong emphasis on collaborative work between local Tanzanian researchers and international researchers; hence joint proposals are strongly encouraged.

Please send completed IGC Tanzania Project Proposal forms (attached) to [researchprogramme@theigc.org](mailto:researchprogramme@theigc.org), CC'ing **Angela Ambroz** ([angela.ambroz@theigc.org](mailto:angela.ambroz@theigc.org)), **Ben Langford** ([ben.langford@theigc.org](mailto:ben.langford@theigc.org)) and **Michelle Jacob** ([michelle.jacob@theigc.org](mailto:michelle.jacob@theigc.org)).

The deadline for submission of proposals is **31<sup>st</sup> May 2014**

*Table 1: Potential Research Areas*

Thematic Area	Key Research Areas
State Capabilities	<p><b><i>Public Economics</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving revenue mobilisation</li> <li>• Aid effectiveness</li> <li>• Public service delivery and the limits of the state</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Political Economy</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The political economy of infrastructure investment and operation (roads, power and ports)</li> <li>• Governance and accountability</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Macroeconomic Policy Issues</i></b></p>
Firm Capabilities	<p><b><i>Productivity, Poverty and Employment</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing "jobless growth"</li> <li>• The potential role of commercial agriculture</li> <li>• Labour- and skill-intensive manufacturing</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Industrial Development in Tanzania</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firm-level analysis of the industrial sector (e.g. studies on employment, investment, productivity, agglomeration, etc.)</li> <li>• Special economic zones</li> <li>• Industrial policy and government-business coordination</li> </ul> <p><b><i>The SME Sector in Tanzania</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues in financing, productivity, employment, skills and training</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Local Content</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Value-chain analysis of various industrial sectors and their potential contributions to the supply chains of multinational gas companies</li> </ul>
<p>Cities and Urbanization</p>	<p><b>Rural-Urban Migration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterns of migration into cities: Employment prospects, risks associated, and typical flows</li> </ul> <p><b>Property Rights, Zoning and Land Use</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The relationship between formal and informal land use</li> <li>• The effect of zoning issues on efficiency at Dar es Salaam port</li> </ul> <p><b>Urban Construction and Employment Generation</b></p> <p><b>Infrastructure and Economic Geography</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact on labour demand and supply</li> <li>• Firm location</li> </ul>
<p>Energy</p>	<p><b>Energy Mix and Pricing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to price energy today given the prospects of falling future marginal costs with development of onshore gas fields and large-bore pipeline</li> </ul>

## Notes for Project Proposal Form

The International Growth Centre (IGC) is an international network comprising developing and developed country partners, which aims to promote sustainable growth in developing countries by providing high-quality, independent and demand-led policy advice based on frontier research. It is directed and organized from hubs at the London School of Economics and the University of Oxford. The IGC was initiated by and is funded by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID), which strongly supports the IGC's independence. It represents a collaborative venture between policy stakeholders in the developing world, a range of public, civil society and private sector partners, and researchers from developing country partners and around the world.

The Country Project Proposal form is the means by which projects receive approval and funding under the IGC Country Programme. This form needs to be filled in by the Principal Investigators (PIs), and will be reviewed by the IGC Tanzania Country Leadership Team along with the Country Economists. Please note:

- The IGC Country Programme funds research and applied economic work undertaken by individual principal investigators and their teams. Submission of an itemised budget is necessary for funding approval.
- Where projects are contracted with unaffiliated researchers, there is no funding for overhead expenses.
- For any service (such as a firm hired to conduct a survey) included in the budget amounts to £8,000 or more, researchers are encouraged to obtain competitive quotes in order to ensure value for money. For auditing purposes, the Principal Investigator/ institution should retain all receipts from all service providers.
- Payment is made based on outputs. These can be both intermediate as well as final outputs. Please ensure that you have specified all deliverables in the relevant section.
- As funding allocation from one fiscal year (1 April – 31 March) does not carry over to the next fiscal year in the IGC Country Programme, all expenses related to each output (including intermediate outputs) to be produced in each fiscal year must be clearly specified in the designated columns in Section 10 of the proposal form. These outputs will be expected to be delivered within the fiscal year specified.

Please note that all sections of the Project Proposal Form attached need to be completed. For additional information or any questions, please contact the IGC Tanzania Country Economists, Angela Ambroz ([angela.ambroz@theigc.org](mailto:angela.ambroz@theigc.org)) and Ben Langford ([ben.langford@theigc.org](mailto:ben.langford@theigc.org)), as well as the IGC Hub Economist for Tanzania, Michelle Jacob ([michelle.jacob@theigc.org](mailto:michelle.jacob@theigc.org)).