

## **CALL NOW CLOSED**

### **Announcement of Opportunity: ESPA-2013**

The ESPA Programme's latest Announcement of Opportunity went live on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

ESPA-2013 projects will address one of three themes:

- A) Sustainable, ecosystem-based pathways out of poverty/routes out of poverty
- B) Ecosystem services and the urban environment
- C) Building on ESPA Success

The ESPA 2013 call has been designed to enhance the academic and development impact of the ESPA programme by filling significant gaps in the ESPA portfolio and, where possible, capturing emerging opportunities. The call provides an opportunity for the world's best researchers to add significant value to the ESPA programme by filling important research, knowledge and evidence gaps that have been identified.

Applications were invited for funding in the range of between £200,000 and £500,000 GBP Full Economic Cost (FEC). This call was allocated a total available budget of up to £4M GBP, which may be revised subject to the discretion of the Programme Executive Board (PEB). Projects will be funded for a maximum duration of between 24 and 30 months, with an expected start date between 1 September 2013 and 1 November 2013.

Projects will be selected through a two stage process, firstly with submission of an outline bid proposal, after which a subset will be invited to submit full proposals.

- Outline proposals were to be submitted via email to [espa@nerc.ac.uk](mailto:espa@nerc.ac.uk) by 16:00 GMT/UCT on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013
- Full proposals were to be submitted via Je-S by 16:00 GMT+1/UCT+1 on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013

[Full information about the call is available from the NERC website here.](#)

[The ESPA Programme held a Town Meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012](#), to assist ESPA's Programme Executive Board in the development of the call and two of the three research themes. [Feedback from the workshop and comments from participants may be useful for potential applicants and is available from the Town Meeting Report on the ESPA website.](#)