



INVITATION – FinCEAL Kick-Off Event
3rd – 4th June, 2013
University of Helsinki Main Building

UniPID – the Finnish University Partnership for International Development would like to invite you to the launch of the FinCEAL Project - Developing Finnish Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation between Europe, Africa and the LAC Region – that will be held at University of Helsinki Main Building, Fabianinkatu 33, on 3rd and 4th June, 2013.

FinCEAL is a project financed by the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture with the purpose of increasing support for Finnish researchers focusing on Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). The project is focusing on supporting thematic research for each region: Africa - Food security, Health, Climate Change, Renewable energy and Information Society; LAC - ICT for societal challenges, Bioeconomy, Biodiversity and Climate Change, Energy, and cross-cutting issues. The Ministry has mandated UniPID to coordinate the project through 2014.

The specific project objectives are to:

- Increase participation and influence of Finnish researchers within the EU Africa and LAC bi-regional policy dialogues;
- Highlight and increase Finnish research and scientific cooperation relevant to the regions; and
- Strengthen the network of Finnish researchers working within Africa and LAC.

The kick-off event will bring together members of the Finnish research community, experts and policy makers working in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean. There will be keynote speakers familiar with the national and international Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation and policies, and parallel regional workshops focusing on Finnish research expertise in the project regions. The kick-off event is an opportunity for participants to learn more about the FinCEAL project, network with other participants, and help identify Finnish research priorities in the regions.

The event is free of charge but registration is required.

To register for this event

<http://unipid.wufoo.com/forms/finceal-kickoff-event/>

For more information on FinCEAL <http://www.unipid.fi/en/page/146/finceal/>

Registration is open until **24th May 2013**.