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Schavan: "Cooperation with emerging countries strengthens global climate protection and economic development"

BMBF launches new funding initiative for international research cooperation

The emerging countries are playing a decisive role in tackling global challenges such as climate change and shortages of resources, water and land. In the meantime, some of the states with the highest economic growth are among the world's biggest emitters of carbon dioxide. However, the emerging countries are increasingly recognizing their responsibility for ensuring a sustainable economy. Corresponding technologies or services must often be adapted to meet local conditions, or new ones developed.

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) is now launching the new research initiative "CLIENT - International Partnerships for Sustainable Technologies and Services for Climate Protection and the Environment". German universities, research institutions and companies may submit project applications in a first round of calls up to 31 August 2010. Projects should be aimed particularly at cooperation with Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa and Vietnam. The BMBF is making a total of up to 60 million euros available in three rounds of funding.

As a leading exporter of technologies in the field of environmental and climate protection, Germany is accepting its share of responsibility for the UN Millennium Goals for Development. "By funding exemplary research projects, we are contributing towards establishing a worldwide partnership for development," said Federal Research Minister Annette Schavan. "Only thus can we secure prosperity and create a world worth living in for all people in the future, whilst at the same time limiting the consumption of natural resources and protecting the climate and the environment.

CLIENT is one of the first funding initiatives in the BMBF's recently published framework programme "Research for Sustainable Development". The projects offer German companies and research institutions the opportunity to enter into further cooperation projects with the emerging countries. The projects should boost and develop the economic competitiveness of both Germany and the participating partner countries and contribute to the creation of new jobs.

Future cooperation projects could include topics such as reducing emissions of greenhouse gases in all branches of industry, closing material cycles and recycling, innovative methods of land use, drinking water production and wastewater treatment. Projects should pay particular attention to the economic, societal and environmental conditions in the partner countries.

Further information is available at: www.fona.de/client

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