



**News and Views
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Happy New Year!**

LIDC tackles international development challenges in pioneering ways by bringing together more than 1,500 social and natural scientists, postgraduate students and alumni from the University of London's six Bloomsbury Colleges. The Colleges involved in the interdisciplinary initiative are Birkbeck, Institute of Education, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Royal Veterinary College, School of Oriental and African Studies, and The School of Pharmacy.

NEWS

A Helping Hand From LIDC for International Development PhD Studentships

LIDC is contributing about £30,000 towards fieldwork costs for three three-year PhD Studentships offered under the annual Bloomsbury Colleges PhD studentships scheme. The funds will support research projects on a range of topics related to international development issues - such as gender violence, agricultural and health subsidies, and cross-cultural training.

http://www.lidc.org.uk/news_detail.php?news_id=110



Social Entrepreneurs Talk of Unprecedented Opportunities at Africa Gathering

Business leaders and innovators spoke of "exciting" prospects in Africa, especially the growth of social media, at a technology and social entrepreneurship conference supported by LIDC. At the event the mobile phone was hailed as a "game-changer" and Twitter and Facebook were credited with helping to democratise the spread of information.

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EVENTS

Reaping Rewards: How to Maximise Business Opportunities in African Agriculture

Brunei Gallery, School of Oriental and African Studies, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London, WC1H 0XG

6pm-8pm (discussion followed by reception)

Monday 17 January 2011

Details: Professor Calestous Juma (Harvard University) will be discussing and signing his acclaimed new book, at the London launch of *The New Harvest: Agricultural Innovation in Africa*, published by

Oxford University Press. Distinguished panellists, including Professor Sir Gordon Conway (Imperial College), Lord Sainsbury (Labour peer and former science minister) and Countess of Mar (independent peer and farmer), will join him to discuss the implications of the book.

RSVP: admin@lidc.bloomsbury.ac.uk

More information: http://www.lidc.org.uk/event_detail.php?event_id=330

VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEERING

Vacancy: Research Fellow/Lecturer in Medical Statistics, LSHTM

Salary: £35,370-£43,922 per annum

Deadline for applications: 21 January 2011

Details: The post holder will work in the Tropical Epidemiology Group, a large international group of statisticians and epidemiologists working on a number of population-based studies and randomised trials in malaria, tuberculosis, HIV and other infectious diseases. Tasks will focus on statistical methodological work arising from data collected from various collaborations.

More information: <https://jobs.lshtm.ac.uk/>, reference TEG8-MRC

Vacancy: Lecturer/Research Fellow in Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, LSHTM

Salary: £35,370-£47,313 per annum

Deadline for applications: 17 January 2011

Details: The post holder will work in the Tropical Epidemiology Group, a large international group of statisticians and epidemiologists working on a number of population-based studies and randomised trials in malaria, tuberculosis, HIV and other infectious diseases. Tasks will include population-based studies and randomised trials mostly in malaria in The Gambia, Equatorial Guinea, and Sudan.

More information: <https://jobs.lshtm.ac.uk/>, reference TEG7-MRC

Volunteering at Kenyan Orphanage

The Children of the Rising Sun Home is based in Msabaha (Malindi), Kenya. Volunteers teach art, singing and dancing, and play games with the children. They are also required to take care of the children and visit the market to buy supplies.

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