

Dear SIRN community,

In our [previous newsletter](#), we highlighted recent funding opportunities and today we want to explain what SIRN is doing to help prepare the community for these calls. We hope you will make use of our tools and find them helpful. We also appreciate feedback on them and suggestions for other ways we can support you.

Adélia de Paula (on behalf of [SIRN Leadership Team](#))

## **Are you looking for a partner for the next research calls? Find out more about SIRN online tools.**

We are aware that recent calls will be very competitive and a few colleagues are already working on their proposals. However, if you are still looking for a partner SIRN has created two online tools that may help you.

- **Partner registration (online tool):**

This facility allows people to share ideas for engagement and collaboration. If you would like to make contact with others interested in the sustainable intensification of agriculture you can register your interest in the link below. The information provided will be available on our website and you will be able to filter registrations by academic discipline, research area and capability, countries and funding opportunities you may be interested in. The form is easy to complete but you will need to agree with our Terms and Conditions.

Please register your expertise [here](#) and soon you will be able to view [list of registered partners](#) (information will be available as soon as the database is populated).

- **Discussion Forum (online tool)**

SIRN can also facilitate a closed discussion where you and your colleagues can share ideas for future projects without using emails. You can join in and out wherever you are available and information will not get mixed with other topics. You will need to contact us to create the discussion forum, and to have a password to login. If you want to use this tool, please contact us at [info@sirn.org.uk](mailto:info@sirn.org.uk)

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## **Do you want to know more about what research has been funded through the Global Challenge Research Fund? Visit RCUK GCRF Awarded Projects page.**

This interactive tool shows projects funded by the seven Research Councils through the Global Challenges Research Fund (including investments through the Collective Fund), and provides an engaging way to explore the dataset. It enables users to ask questions of the data regarding the countries of focus and the challenge areas that are addressed. The aim of the visualization is to allow users to satisfy their curiosity and quickly see areas of interest.

Access the tool [here](#).

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## Reminder: current SI call and future events:

**Call - BBSRC Sustainable Agriculture for Sub-Saharan Africa (SASSA)** closes on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 16:00 (GMT) and you can get more information [here](#).

## Events - Enhancing Our Agricultural Landscape: Sustainable Intensification in Practice

SIP invites you to discuss our findings from the Sustainable Intensification Research Platform. Funded by Defra and the Welsh Government, the Platform is promoting new methods in farmland and landscape scale management, which could, for society's welfare, provide both enhanced farm productivity and environmental benefits e.g. clean air, water.

There are five events at the following locations. Each will enable you:

- To learn more about various land management decision support tools.
- To meet and interact with the researchers involved on the research farms.
- To learn about the range of findings across the 7 national Platform study sites.

Friday 20th	North Wyke, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 2SB
Monday 23rd	Nafferton Farm, Stocksfield, Northumberland, NE43 7XD
Tuesday 24th	GWCT Visitor Centre, Loddington, LE7 9XE
Wednesday 25th	Morley Farm, Botolph, Wymondham, Norfolk, NR18 9DF
Friday 27th	Neuadd Reichel, Bangor University, Bangor, LL57 2TW

The workshops run from 10.00 -15.00 and are free to attend.

Online registration: <http://bit.ly/2u6Ewta> (This link will take you to an Eventbrite page)

## Free webinar - Sustainable Intensification at the Landscape Scale: An Introduction to the Landscape Typology Tool - Thursday 2nd November, 2017 1:00pm (GMT)

Managing farmland to increase farm output and competitiveness, whilst protecting the countryside and enhancing environment and social benefits defines the work of the Sustainable Intensification Research Platform. Funded by Defra and the Welsh Government, the Platform has produced a tool to assist in planning and decision making for Sustainable Intensification at the landscape-scale. In this webinar, which is launching the Tool nationally, the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology provide an introduction to the tool and its varied capabilities and applications.

The webinar will be presented by Professor Jack Cosby (CEH) and Chaired by Siobhan Sherry (Defra). This event is co-hosted by the [Ecosystems Knowledge Network](#) with the Sustainable Intensification Research Network.

Registration is required to join this event. If you have not registered, please do so now [here](#).



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