

Call for participants to a workshop on:

Innovative designs of sustainable agro-hydro-health systems

31 July-4 August 2017, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Apply to participate before 15 May 2017



**RESEARCHER
LINKS**



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Do you hold a research or academic position at a research institution in the UK or Malaysia?

Did you complete your PhD 10 years ago or less?

Are you working on one or more of the following topics?

- Participatory action research
- Water, sanitation and hygiene (WaSH)
- Sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) or bio-ecological drainage systems (BIOECODS)
- Surface water and sediment modelling and management
- Biomonitoring and bioassessment
- Small scale hydropower, design and mitigation
- Public health
- Environmentally and socially sustainable financing for technology transfer and development

Are you interested to engage with 'off-grid' communities and make a difference with your research? These are communities that reside in remote areas and, due to their location, are deprived of direct access to municipal water supply, electricity, wastewater or other utility services.

Come to Malaysia and join a group of UK and Malaysia researchers from various disciplines to explore and improve their situation through innovative solutions. This opportunity could help boost your career, build new networks and contribute to better outcomes for society in Malaysia and other parts of the world.

Under the Researcher Links scheme offered within the Newton Fund, the British Council and Akademi Sains Malaysia will be holding a 5-day workshop on the above theme in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia commencing on 31 July 2017. The workshop is being coordinated by Professor Sue Charlesworth (Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University) and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdul Halim Ghazali (Universiti Putra Malaysia), and will have contributions from other leading researchers.

We are now inviting early-mid career researchers (within 10 years of PhD) from the UK and Malaysia to apply to attend this workshop. **All travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the Newton Researcher Links programme.** The application form, with more details on the initiative, can be found at bit.ly/newtonworkshop and should be sent to ukmalaysia.workshop@gmail.com before the **deadline of 15 May 2017**. Please also use this email address if you have any questions about the workshop or your eligibility.

More information on the Newton Fund

On 5 December 2013 the UK Chancellor announced the creation of an Emerging Powers

Research and Innovation Fund of £375 million over 5 years to support science and innovation partnerships with emerging powers.

The Fund forms part of the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment and its primary focus is to develop partner countries research and innovation capacity for long-term sustainable growth. £75 million will be spent each year from 2014/15 for five years and the intention is that UK funding is matched either by partner countries or by private foundations, multi-lateral organisations or corporate partners.

The Fund covers three broad categories of activity: (i) **People: capacity building, people exchange and joint centres**; (ii) **Programmes: research collaborations on development topics**; and (iii) **Translation: innovation partnerships**

- The Newton Fund is part of the UK's official development assistance programme. The fund is £75 million each year from 2014 for five years
- Through the Newton Fund, the UK will use its strength in research and innovation to promote economic development and social welfare of partner countries
- By working together on research and innovation projects, the UK will build strong and sustainable relationships with partner countries. This will support the continued excellence of UK research and innovation to unlock opportunities for wider collaboration and trade