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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

REPOA and the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam in The Netherlands (ISS) are jointly organizing a five-day Writeshop on 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 on two thematic areas:

- **Agrarian Studies, and**
- **The nexus between Productivity and Economic Growth.**

The Writeshop targets PhD students who have completed their PhD fieldwork, recent graduates who have earned their PhDs within the last five years, and young researchers who are currently working at universities or research institutions in Tanzania.

The Writeshop aims to improve young researchers' strategic knowledge and practical skills for improved publication access and acceptance to high-impact international peer-reviewed academic journals. Successful applicants will be taken through the art and science of selecting journals; building ideas about and framing journal manuscripts; overall preparation and submission of journal manuscripts; dealing with peer review reports, and other aspects of publications. The Writeshop will include sessions by leading academics on key debates and literature on agrarian studies and the nexus between productivity and economic growth. The Writeshop will include peer review discussions on participants' draft journal manuscripts conducted in small groups with mentors and facilitators. The Writeshop will be hosted by REPOA and will take place on REPOA's premises at 157 Mgombani/REPOA Streets, Regent Estate, Dar es Salaam.

After the Writeshop, participants will be in a better position to frame their work in relation to **agrarian studies which include** land, rural-urban migration, labour livelihoods, agriculture/pastoralism/conservation & development, etc.; and the **nexus between productivity and economic growth**, focusing on specific agro-industrial value chains and institutions, trade policy, export promotion, competitiveness and diversification, productivity, trade, and development). Ultimately, the writeshop aims to equip participants to engage with international journal publications; and to finalize their manuscripts. Participants will be encouraged to submit their manuscripts to a selection of potential journal outlets.

A maximum of 30 workshop participants are targeted. Limited scholarships will be provided to some eligible applicants depending on the availability of funds. Independently funded participants are highly encouraged to apply. Successful applicants **must** submit a draft manuscript (based on their accepted concept notes) of 8,000-10,000 words in advance of the Writeshop.

For applications, please submit the following:

1. A short concept note of 500 words related to one of the two thematic areas outlined above
2. A short bio of 250 words
3. Names and contact information of 2 academic referees.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with Dr. Lucas Katera through email at [katera@repoa.or.tz](mailto:katera@repoa.or.tz)

**Deadline for applications: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

Application results will be announced by the end of June 2024. Successful applicants will be asked to confirm their acceptance of a place at the Writeshop. Those selected will be invited to submit a full draft manuscript of 8,000-10,000 words which will be due on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2024.

**Mode of Application:** A short concept note should be submitted to the undersigned:

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