

## **Connecting Emerging Scholars and Practitioners**

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Partnerships – be pro-active, communicate clearly

Relevance – what's in it for our clients? through the process and beyond

Capacity – always an issue for SPOs, a challenging balance







## Relevance of the research

- Will this research benefit our clients directly?
- Is this research in line with work we are doing and will it inform our work / help us do our work better?
- Will this research benefit our clients indirectly? What are the expected outcomes?
- Does the research team include professional and reputable researchers?
  Who is responsible for / leading the research?
- Is the method ethically sound and respectful of newcomers?
- What will be done with the results or outcomes of this research?





## Our role and capacity

- Why have we been invited to participate?
- Are we the most appropriate NGO partner?
- Have we been invited to participate in the research from the design stage?
- Is there a role for us throughout the project?
- How will researchers acknowledge our participation?
- Will participation raise our profile / help build and strengthen our partnerships?
- Is there a staff member who can be the key contact for this project?
- How much time will be involved?
- Is this something we are comfortable asking clients to participate in?
- Is there an honorarium for clients?
- Is there funding for us?



