The next webinar of our series "From Evidence to Policy" is coming up on May 14th.

The topic of this webinar is: **How to integrate policy with research? Lessons learnt from various r4d synthesis mandates**

Academic research producers are under increasing pressure to produce, and make available, research that is relevant to policymaking processes. So often, when research evidence and policy linkages are discussed, the “classical assumption” is that once new knowledge is produced, it will inform or be integrated into policy. However, one of the contexts that is missing from much analysis is that of the policymakers themselves. Taking the perspective of policy-making can bring about a quite different view of the nature of the evidence that is needed and the process through which we put it. Without understanding when, where, and why policymakers need evidence to inform their decision-making, there is a danger that scientific results remain isolated in academic journals instead of being translated into real world policy.

The way the r4d programme is structured is such that policy-making is meant to be integrated into the research process, but there is often a lack of understanding on the researcher end about what types of research findings are useful to policy makers and why. In addition to learning about how current research findings are integrated into policy from several r4d projects, we will discuss how research for development can be better structured to reflect the needs of policy-makers from the beginning and what favours the implementation of certain research findings over others. The webinar aims to address the following issues research and policy community:

* Discuss ways in which r4d programmes have produced, disseminated and used knowledge
* Identify mechanisms r4d programmes used to integrate policy-makers
* Discuss ways of how policy-makers can be integrated into research from early on
* Dive into the perspective of SDC on what evidence is needed when and for whom

**Date:** May 14th, 2020 from 16h - 17h

**Who should attend?** The webinar is intended for researchers, policymakers and other stakeholders interested in the area of research evidence and policy linkages.

**Registration:** The webinar is free to attend. Please register here and then simply click on the following Zoom link at the time of the webinar: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-on-how-to-integrate-policy-with-research-lessons-learnt-from-various-r4d-synthesis-mandates-registration-102765769182

**Format:** 1 hour, with five speakers – discussion around specific questions with a 10 minutes Q&A.

**Facilitator:** Séverine Erismann, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

**Speakers:**

- Aymara Llanque Zonta and Johanna Jacobi, Lead of the “utilization of research knowledge” synthesis mandate, Centre for Development and Environment (CDE, regional office, Bolivia)

- René Eschen, Lead of the “Utilization of Research Knowledge in the Ecosystem Module” synthesis mandate, CABI (Delémont)

- Andrea Farnham, Lead of the E2P SDC and r4d communication project, Swiss TPH

- Barbara Profeta, Health Advisor for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Domain, Focal Point Global Programme Health, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)