

## CODESRIA National Working Groups

### *A Call for Proposals for 2004*

One of the most important vehicles by which CODESRIA has sought to mobilise national-level research capacities and channel these into organised reflections has been the National Working Groups (NWGs) which it has encouraged African researchers to organise autonomously on priority themes of their choice. NWGs have been supported by the Council in over **35** countries and have resulted in some of the most interesting studies on politics, economy and society in contemporary Africa. Within the framework of the CODESRIA 2002 – 2004 programmatic cycle, it has been decided to retain this vehicle as an important **instrument** for promoting research into and publications about national-level experiences. For this purpose, the Council invites proposals for the constitution of NWGs for the period 2002 – 2004. Proposals, which could be on any topic relevant for an understanding of the economy, politics, culture and society in any African country, should:

- i) indicate clearly the problematic that will be addressed;
- ii) include a review of the relevant literature;
- iii) indicate the methodology which would be employed in undertaking the study;
- iv) spell out the composition of the working group;
- v) define the time frame for inauguration and finalisation of the work that would be undertaken;
- vi) include an outline budget for the realisation of the research project;
- vii) Indicate the expected final outcome of the project.

Proposals for consideration for possible funding **within the framework of the 2004 competition** should be sent to CODESRIA by **15 September, 2004** at the latest. All proposals received will undergo an independent review process the outcome of which will be announced by **31 October, 2004**. All proposals should be addressed to:

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