



GLOBAL DONOR PLATFORM FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Focal Points, Members and Associates of the Platform,

the World Bank has announced its flagship research publication - the World Development Report - will focus on Agriculture and Development in 2008. Taking this opportunity to enhance the prestige of interventions in agriculture/rural development in the perception of the public and decision-makers, the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD) entirely supports the development of the WDR 2008.

With the aim to provide you information on the current state of the WDR 2008, as well as possible contributions of your organisation to the WDR 2008, we start a series of information e-mails (Info: World Development Report 2008) on the development process of the WDR 2008. This first one contains general information on the WDR 2008-Team and the anticipated schedule.

With this e-mail series we hope to provide interesting information to you, facilitate the dialogue between the WDR 2008-Team and the GDPRD member organizations, and contribute to a successful WDR 2008.

INFORMATION ON GDPRDs CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WDR 2008

Collecting best-practices

In close cooperation with the WDR-Team, the Platform will collect best-practices, i.e. examples of successful donor intervention in agriculture/rural development, from our member organisations. These have to conform to high standards of evidence in diagnosis and evaluations and should flesh out the WDR 2008 in the form of boxes. In a first round we will ask for short summaries (2-4 pages) of successful interventions. The WDR 2008-Team will sift this collection and ask for further monitoring and evaluation data. Since these best-practices should fit into the structure of the WDR 2008, which currently is still in process, the collection of best-practices will start mid of September.

In our overall spirit not to duplicate efforts and share knowledge and innovation, we are aiming to post and publish this collection of best-practices on our Website. The illustration of what works in donor interventions in agriculture and rural development can support others in their efforts towards a more harmonized and thus effective approach in A&RD and therefore contribute as a global public good.



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Following up the aid effectiveness work with deeper analysis and small workshops

One of the platform's contributions is the study on SWAps in agriculture and rural development (*Phase 1: desk review on experience, issues and challenges* already finished, *Phase 2: Country studies* probably finished in autumn 2006).

The Platform has also agreed with USAID to contribute to chapters to the WDR through USAID's in-kind membership contribution through IFPRI. Subject of these analyses are overlappings between the platform's "hot topics" and issues which are up to now missing in the outline of the WDR 2008. These analyses will also serve our members as policy briefs.

Supporting regional consultation workshops

In order to discuss preliminary findings with regional stakeholders the WDR2008-Team plans to organize regional consultation workshops. GDPRD will support these workshops with suggestions for participation as well as financing.

Supporting the dissemination of the WDR 2008

Once the WDR 2008 is completed, it will be extensively disseminated through seminars and conferences, in order to reach researchers, policy decision-makers, development partners and stakeholders in the various regions.

Within the established network of the Platform, we will certainly play an important role in the dissemination between our development partners, members and associates. However, as the WDR 2008 will be published mid-September 2007, there is still enough time to collect ideas and input.

I hope with this e-mail we could provide you with interesting and helpful information on the collaboration between GDPRD and WDR 2008. In case of any remarks, questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me (best via e-mail).

Kind regards,

Your Platform Secretariat