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GDPRD-Info (3): World Development Report 2008

The work on the World Development Report 2008 "Agriculture for Development" is *on fire*. After our call for best practices (in order to contribute empirical evidence on what works in agriculture and rural development) we now start getting replies from you. And definitely the World Bank's team for WDR 2008 has a full timetable! With the aim of discussing and elaborating main messages, argumentation, and structure of the report jointly with stakeholders, they are organizing discussions, presentations and consultation workshops all over the globe. Time for another info-mail on World Development Report 2008!

Collecting Best Practices of Successful Interventions in A&RD

We sent out our call for best practices mid September to all our member organizations. The purpose of collecting examples of successful interventions in agricultural and rural development is twofold:

Firstly, we support the editors and authors of the WDR 2008 with empirical evidence where, when, and how agriculture can help drive poverty reduction. See the chapter outline (in the WDR 2008 draft version we circulated last week) for thematic guidance when thinking about success stories you have experienced, read about or were told by colleagues.

Secondly, we aim at publishing the entire collection of best practices on the Platforms website, to serve as a knowledge base on what works in agriculture and rural development. Please keep in mind that, at first, we only collect 1-2 page summaries. From November onwards we will focus on plausibility, i.e. in how far the changes that you observed were the actual result of the development intervention. Deadline for one-page summaries of best practices is 1st of November 2006.

We count with your contributions that open the experience of your organizations to others!

NORAD Supports the Collection of Best Practices

With the aim of supporting GDPRD's collection of best practices, NORAD has offered personal assistance to the Platform: Mr. Stein W. Bie (Noragric / Norwegian University of Life Sciences) will help to assemble and substantiate best practices. The secondment lasts from mid of October until February 2007. Mr. Bie will work part time in the Platform Secretariat in Bonn, as also from Norway.

The Consultation Process for WDR 2008

On October 26th the World Bank's Board will discuss the draft outline of WDR 2008. As at this time the Bank's member countries will have the opportunity to influence the report, several regional and stakeholder consultation workshops will be held in the upcoming months:

October 16-17th:	Political Economy in Washington
October, 30-31st:	Rural Producer Organizations in Paris
November, 2-3rd:	India Consultation in Delhi
November, 13-14th:	East and South Africa Consultation in Nairobi
December, 8th:	Donor Consultation Workshop in Washington

In addition, workshops in West Africa, South-East Asia and Latin America as well as one consultation with civil society organizations are planned.



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Looking back: International Policy Workshop in preparation of the WDR 2008

From 4th-6th September the Development Policy Forum of InWEnt – Capacity Building International, Germany, in cooperation with the BMZ and the World Bank organized a consultation workshop in Berlin. Six sessions provided space for the contributions of participants from eleven countries:

Session	Contributions from:
I. Agricultural policy, subsidies, and trade	Dr. Michael Brüntrup (German Development Institute), Richard Moberly (DFID)
II. Markets and institutions	Joe Swinnen (University of Leuven), Benoît Daviron (French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development)
III. Agriculture, natural resources management	Ade Freeman (ILRI), Gunnar Köhlin (Göteborg University), Laurence Tubiana (Institute of Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI),
IV. Agriculture-rural nonfarm linkages and rural poverty	Raghav Gaiha (University of Dehli), Richard Moberly (DFID), Alexander Schejtman Latin-American Centre for Rural Development (RIMISP)
V. Decentralization, local governance, and rural development	Jean-Louis Arcand (Center of International Development Studies and Research, CERDI), John Farrington (ODI), Martin Petrick (Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe, IAMO)
VI. Emerging policy issues	Oliver Henniges (University of Hohenheim), Wolfram Schlenker (Colombia University), Michiel Keyzer (Vrije Universiteit)

One of many highlights was Jo Swinnen's presentation on food value chains in session II. On the base of empirical studies from eight countries he pointed out the increasing role of the private sector in the vertical coordination of food value chains in developing and transition countries, as well as policy implications of this development.

Prominent keynote speakers, such as Klaus Töpfer (former Executive Director of UNEP), who pointed out the importance of environmental impacts caused by agriculture, and François Bourguignon (Chief Economist of the World Bank) set the frame for the dialogue with academics, scientists and think tank representatives. InWEnt is planning to publish a reader on the workshop.



Left: Derek Byerlee, Co-Director of WDR 2008, François Bourguignon and Gudrun Kochendörfer-Lucius, Managing Director of InWEnt open the workshop; Right: Michael Hofmann (BMZ) and Alain de Janvry, Co-Director of WDR 2008, opening the first session

We will keep you informed on any further development.
Sincerely, Platform Secretariat

Bonn, October 16th, 2006