

PEGNet Newsletter Volume 11

The **registration for the PEGNet conference 2012** is now open! It will be held at Pullman Teranga Hotel in Dakar on September 6-7. **D+C had an article** about the conference in Mai and we have a new PEGNet member from Senegal: the **IFPRI Senegal office**. In August PEGNet will be present at the **GIZ Fachtag**: „Zukunft der Wirtschaft – Wirtschaft der Zukunft“ in Bad Honnef.

We are also proud to announce that the next **PEGNet Conference in 2013** will be in cooperation with the University of Copenhagen.

And as always there is lots of news from our members.

I hope you will enjoy our newsletter. This and past editions are also available online at: www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de.



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economic growth towards a growth paradigm that takes into account challenges such as resource scarcity, climate change or growing inequalities.

The submission deadline is August 15, 2012.

You can find the Call for Papers as [pdf](#) here.

3. News from 3ie

3ie funding for replication research

[The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation \(3ie\)](#) is accepting applications for replications of influential, innovative, or controversial impact evaluations from its [Candidate Studies List](#). 3ie's Replication Programme will make 5-10 awards of up to \$15,000 each.

Replication is the most established method of research validation in science. It helps assess the credibility of results and if they can be achieved in different places, amongst different beneficiaries. The replications funded by 3ie are 'internal replications'— those that use the data from the original study, and possibly existing secondary datasets from the same location, in order to check the validity and robustness of the estimations and recommendations.

Deadline for application: 23.59 GMT, July 31, 2012. For more information, please visit: <http://www.3ieimpact.org/en/funding/replication-window/>

New 3ie Working paper on how to conduct small n impact evaluations

There is no consensus among impact evaluators when it comes to assessing attribution in small n cases – that is when there are insufficient units of assignment to conduct statistical analysis of what difference an intervention has made. In 3ie [Working Paper 15](#), 'Addressing attribution of cause and effect in small n impact evaluations: towards an integrated framework', Howard White and Daniel Phillips examine various evaluation approaches that could potentially be suitable for small n analysis. They find that a number of these approaches share a methodological core which could provide a basis for consensus.

Job at 3ie

3ie invites applications for the position of [Evaluation Officer: Agricultural Development](#). This position is based in New Delhi. The successful candidate must join 3ie by **October 2012**.

4. News from GIZ: new study on "The engagement of the International Development Association (IDA) in fragile states

On behalf of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development the German Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ GmbH) commissioned a new study on "*The engagement of the International Development Association (IDA) in fragile states - Proposals for a reform agenda*". The authors Rachel Folz and Manuela Leonhardt assess upcoming challenges for concessional finance by the World Bank in fragile and conflict-affected states and proposes possible steps towards reforming IDA's engagement in fragile situations. Among others, the study proposes to differentiate between situations of 'fragility' to better address specific needs, to more specifically determine objectives, identify risks and develop results measurement tools for fragile states, and to adapt financing strategies to needs and absorptive capacity. It finally looks at various ways of changing the World Bank specific allocation system. If you are interested in receiving a hard copy of the study, please contact Laurissa.muehlich@giz.de.

5. News from EADI

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This year the EADI Information Management Working Group's annual meeting will focus on these three areas "Open Access, Open Data and Open Content. In a practical workshop setting participants will hear from leading practitioners in each of these fields. We will work together and learn from each other to identify practical and appropriate steps that we can take back to make the best use of these innovations in the development context in which we work.

□ [Call for activity: Global Learning Meets Development - New EADI Working Group](#)

This newly formed working group on the development studies - development education nexus invited all interested researchers to join. A first workshop is planned in the context of the Global Education Congress/ Lisboa 2012 from 26/27-28 September 2012. Please contact the conveners to join the group and be added to the mailing list.

6. News from ODI

New ODI research report by Paula Lucci: Post-2015 Millennium Development Goals: What role for business?

There appears to be increasing consensus that the private sector has to be more involved than last time in the design and/or implementation of any new development goals, particularly as economic growth, trade and jobs are high on the agenda. Yet discussions on a

new post-2015 framework have to date mostly included development practitioners, governments and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and have largely excluded the private sector. This paper seeks to start filling this gap. How (if at all) can private sector organisations usefully be involved in global and national dialogues on a post-2015 global development framework? What (if any) private sector behaviours and partnerships can be encouraged/discouraged through an MDG global agreement that effectively promotes development? In what ways (if any) can these behaviours be incentivised through a post-2015 agreement? The paper does not aim to provide the final answers to these questions, but rather seeks to steer debate on these issues. It starts by defining the private sector and describing drivers of business engagement in development, going on to provide examples of recent trends and initiatives. It then concludes by setting out three hypothetical scenarios for private sector engagement in a renewed MDG agreement post-2015, based on ongoing consultations with relevant stakeholders. Agreeing on a new development framework that reflects shifting global politics, new global challenges and poverty dynamics is undoubtedly a complex challenge, but one that is more likely to be achieved if resources and expertise from different actors are combined and used strategically. Throughout the year, ODI will be convening business and other stakeholders to take this discussion forward and refine the scenarios set out in this paper.

Available at: <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=6645&title=post-2015-millennium-development-goals-role-business>

New Background Note by Claire Melamed, Andrew Scott and Tom Mitchell: Separated at birth, reunited in Rio? A roadmap to bring environment and development back together

Tackling climate change, avoiding environmental degradation, reducing inequality and eliminating poverty are all key issues for international policy in the 21st century. Is it possible to achieve progress on poverty while remaining within environmental limits? What role can global agreements play in promoting positive action on both environmental and development issues? Clearly there are significant overlaps between these issues. Dirty development causes climate change, climate change impacts poor people, and the health of ecosystems and availability of environmental resources shapes economic growth and well-being. 2015 will be a defining year for international policy on development and the environment. However, the history of trying to link development and environmental objectives through actual policy initiatives is not encouraging. 'Sustainable development', a concept originating in the Brundtland Report of 1987, has become the mantra in global policy circles since the first Rio conference in 1992, but it has had remarkably little impact on actual policy. This paper sets

out to explain why reconciling the two agendas has been so difficult at a practical level, and suggests how Rio+20 could start to bridge the gaps between the two.

7. New calls for papers

The 2015 target date for achieving the **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)** is fast approaching. Already civil society, academics, governments and the UN system are thinking about what the next era of development should look like, while keeping a firm focus on achieving the current unfinished business of the MDGs.

One of the contributions of the UN System to the post-2015 debate is to catalyze multi-stakeholder country and global thematic consultations over the next several months. These will be a major opportunity for a wide variety of stakeholders to influence the shape of the next agenda from both a country and global perspective. Within the UN system, various UN organizations have agreed to co-lead the planning processes for the nine thematic consultations which will cover the following subjects:

- Inequalities;
- Population;
- Health;
- Education;
- Growth & Employment;
- Conflict & Fragility;
- Governance;
- Environmental Sustainability;
- Food Security and Nutrition.

UN Women and UNICEF have agreed to co-lead on the [Inequalities Consultation](#). To help frame that debate, individuals, academics and organizational partners are invited to submit theoretical papers, to present findings from completed research or to present on-going work that raises methodological or conceptual issues. Proposals are also invited that present robust findings from policy and field research that demonstrate sustainable strategies for resolving specific inequalities, including gender inequality, and addressing their root causes. The proposals will be reviewed by UNICEF, UN Women and other members of an Advisory Group (currently being established) to guide the Inequalities Consultation. The selected and completed papers will be used to stimulate the online global conversation and made

available online as background for a concluding leadership meeting in early 2013. The selected papers will also be published as a compendium and concrete output of the consultation. Papers can be submitted either in English, French or Spanish.

Proposals are invited that focus either on the theme of inequalities in general, including the intersecting nature and relationships between different forms of inequality; or on specific manifestations and forms of inequality, such as those related to: income/wealth; gender; location, disability; ethnic, minority or indigenous status; age; sexual orientation; and others.

Proposals for Full Papers should be 250-300 words in length.

Final papers are expected to be around 5,000 words in length.

Proposals for papers should be made by email to: soshea@unicef.org.

Submission deadlines:

- Proposal for full paper submitted by **20 July 2012**
- Notification of outcome to authors by **15 August 2012**
- Completed Paper due from author(s) by **15 October 2012**

We are happy to answer any additional questions as well. Please contact Shannon O'Shea at UNICEF (soshea@unicef.org) or Laura Turquet at UN WOMEN (laura.turquet@unwomen.org).

Available at: <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=6513&title=environment-sustainable-development-post-2015>

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