

## PEGNet Newsletter Volume 4

This is the fourth PEGNet Newsletter. We would like to highlight our PEGNet conference on "Policies to foster and sustain equitable development in times of crisis" that was held at the Development Bank of Southern Africa at the beginning of September. We had a number of extremely interesting presentations and we believe that the conference once again provided a platform for high-level dialogue between development researchers, practitioners and policy-makers. More information on the conference, including presentations, papers, pictures, can be found on our website at [www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de](http://www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de). Our next conference will be held in Hamburg, Germany, September 7 to 9, 2011. In addition, the Kiel Institute's Global Economic Symposium was recently held in Istanbul and there are news from our members in this newsletter.

I hope you will enjoy our newsletter.



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## Topics in this Volume

### **1. PEGNet Conference 2010 in South Africa**

The Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Growth Network's (PEGNet) conference 2010 on "**Policies to foster and sustain equitable development in times of crisis**" was held at the Development Bank of Southern Africa, Midrand, South Africa, 2-3 September 2010. We had a number of extremely interesting presentations and posters and we believe that we have provided a platform for extensive networking and discussions among academics, researchers, and policy-makers. In addition, out of a large number of promising projects and initiatives, the second PEGNet Best Practice Award for effective cooperation between research and practice was granted to Andrew Mude from ILRI, Nairobi and his colleagues. Congratulations once again!

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### **2. PEGNet Conference 2011 in Germany**

The PEGNet conference 2011 on poor countries, poor people, and the new global players will be held at the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg, Germany, September 7 to 9, 2011.

### **3. PEGNet at the Global Economic Symposium in Istanbul**

The Global Economic Symposium (GES) 2010 took place from September 27-29 in Istanbul and was hosted by the Central Bank of Turkey. This yearly conference aims to provide a new collaborative setting to analyze the world's most important economic problems, create shared visions of the future and formulate innovative strategies to achieve these visions. The GES thereby seeks to be a catalyst for future change.

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### **4. TCD-UCD Masters Degree in Development Practice (MDP)**

The MDP is a new two-year programme that offers a world class training and education in development practice at graduate level.

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## **5. New Diploma Course in International Health and Policy Evaluation**

This course is organized jointly by the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), the Institute of Health Policy and Management (iBMG) and the Department of Public Health (MGZ) of the Erasmus University Rotterdam and aims to provide an interdisciplinary perspective on population health and health services in low- and middle-income countries.

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## **6. Project & Research Officer at the International Trade Centre**

The International Trade Centre's Trade, Climate Change and Environment Programme (TCCEP) is looking for a Project & Research Officer based in Geneva. Duties include assisting project management, research of environmental markets in particular carbon, organics and biodiversity and managing communications.

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## **7. 3ie UK office launch conference: 'Toward an evidence-based development policy'**

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) is launching its UK office with a conference, '[Toward an evidence-based development policy](#)', co-hosted by [the London International Development Centre](#).

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## **8. News from ODI projects: Aid for Trade, inclusive growth and poverty reduction**

How can Aid for Trade support developing countries to maximise the inclusive growth and poverty reduction impacts of trade?

A new ODI project, funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and commissioned on behalf of European Union (EU) Member States, provides advice on how to achieve this.

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## **9. Recent publications from ODI**

New publications on MDGs, progress in development, State business relations and growth and Why some countries have weathered the financial crisis better than others

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## 1. PEGNet Conference 2010 in South Africa

This year's Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Growth Network's (PEGNet) conference on "Policies to foster and sustain equitable development in times of crises" was held at the Development Bank of Southern Africa, Midrand, South Africa, on 2-3 September 2010.

### **About the Conference**

Focusing on the role of 'Policies to foster and sustain equitable development in times of crisis', the PEGNet Conference once again provided a platform for high-level dialogue between development researchers, practitioners and policy-makers. In addition to sessions based on invited and contributed papers, the two conference days featured debates, round tables and keynote speeches by renowned speakers from academia, economic policy and development practice. For the second time, a Best Practice Award was granted for effective interaction between research and practice.



Invited speakers and discussants included Pravin Gordhan (Minister of Finance, South Africa), Joachim von Braun (ZEF Bonn), Joachim von Amsberg (World Bank), Marcela Ibanez Diaz (University of Goettingen), Andries du Toit (University of the Western Cape, SA), Akhter Ahmed (IFPRI Bangladesh), Franz Gatzweiler (ZEF Bonn), Trudi Hartzenberg (Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa), Gerald Ajumbo (East African Community Secretariat), Stephan Ohme (Embassy of Germany).

If you are interested in downloading the conference programme, presentations and papers, pictures, or learn more about the network's activities and facilities please visit our website at [www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de](http://www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de). Now also the presentations of the sessions organized by the DBSA are online.

Pictures of the conference and other PEGNet activities can also be found on Flickr:

Collection – PEGNet Conferences

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kielinstitute/collections/72157624565586761/>

Album – PEGNet Conference 2010

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kielinstitute/sets/72157624966956249/>

### **Best Practice Award**

For the second time the PEGNet Best Practice Award was granted to a project that has achieved effective interaction and best-practices in cooperation between researchers and practitioners. This initiative has proved to put research into action and have thereby fostered cooperation between development research and practice.



Out of a large number of promising projects and initiatives, the second PEGNet Best Practice Award for effective cooperation between research and practice was granted to Andrew Mude from ILRI, Nairobi and his colleagues for the project: Piloting index based livestock insurance in Northern Kenya.

### **Conference Organisers**

The conference was co-organised by the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), Midrand, the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) on behalf of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

### **3. PEGNet at the Global Economic Symposium in Istanbul**

The more than 20 themes and sessions ranged from [Growth through Poverty Reduction and Financial Inclusion](#) and [Stopping Human Trafficking](#), to [Climate Change and Economic Development](#) and [Meeting the Rising Global Demand for Food](#). Speakers included academics like Shenggen Fan (IFPRI) and Eric Stark Maskin (Nobel laureate), politicians like Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey), business like Hans Paul Bürkner (Boston Consulting Group), and members of international organisations like Aart De Geus (OECD).

At the closing press conference of the Global Economic Symposium in Istanbul, Kiel Institute President Dennis J. Snower assessed this year's symposium positively. "The more than 500 participants in the symposium have worked out a number of solutions to urgent global problems," said Snower. These solutions are to be published in a booklet entitled Global Economic Solutions, which is to be sent to decision makers throughout the world. Find more information about the Global Economic Symposium at: <http://www.global-economic-symposium.org/>. Pictures can be found here: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/kielinstitute/sets/72157624875794746/>.

### **4. TCD-UCD Masters degree in Development Practice (MDP)**

The MDP is a new two-year programme that offers a world class training and education in development practice at graduate level. The first intake of students will be in September 2010. The Masters in Development Practice will develop the core competencies required by practitioners in international development. The four pillars of the MDP are Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Economics, Management and Health Sciences. Particular emphasis will be laid upon the interconnectedness between politics, governance, civil society, health, environmental conflict and climate change, amongst others. The MDP will be delivered jointly by TCD and UCD in collaboration with the National University of Rwanda, Realizing Rights, Trócaire, Kimmage Development Studies Centre and Earthmind. Students will be jointly registered at TCD and UCD. The National University of Rwanda is a key partner and students will spend a portion of time completing cross-disciplinary fieldwork in Rwanda as well as in Geneva and Liberia

The Masters in Development Practice (MDP) is funded by the MacArthur Foundation (U.S.A.) and is part of a global network of Masters degrees in Development Practice, headquartered at Columbia University in the United States.

Links:

<http://mdp.ei.columbia.edu/>

[http://grantmap.macfound.org/hosting/mdp/?utm\\_source=pubaff&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=mdp&utm\\_campaign=2010-05\\_eneus](http://grantmap.macfound.org/hosting/mdp/?utm_source=pubaff&utm_medium=email&utm_content=mdp&utm_campaign=2010-05_eneus)

and

<http://www.naturalscience.tcd.ie/postgraduate/dev-pract/dev-pract.php>

Interview with Patrick Paul Walsh

Course Director of the TCD-UCD Master's in Development Practice (MDP) program can be seen here at this link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36Klp31R68M&feature=related>.

## **5. New Diploma Course in International Health and Policy Evaluation**

The Diploma Course consists of 10 one-week modules and runs from March 9 to May 27, 2011. The programme is designed to equip professionals and researchers with essential training to support rational decision-making and sustainable improvements in population health.

More information can be found on the course website

[www.internationalhealthcourse.nl](http://www.internationalhealthcourse.nl).

Please do not hesitate to contact the course coordinator, Dr. Ellen Van de Poel ([internationalhealth@bmg.eur.nl](mailto:internationalhealth@bmg.eur.nl)), for further information.

## **7. 3ie UK office launch conference: 'Toward an evidence-based development policy'**

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) is launching its UK office with a conference co-hosted by the [London International Development Centre](#). The event will be held on **Monday, 11 October 2010** at Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HQ.

The conference will address key issues like the link between impact evaluations and policy making; the use of evidence in developing countries; systematic reviews as a source of useful evidence; and the design of impact studies for policy relevance. Speakers include Michael Anderson, Director General Research, Policy and International Relations, DFID; Thilde Stevens, Chief Director Monitoring and Evaluation, Department of Social Development, South Africa; Professor Orazio Attanasio, Department of Economics, University College London; Dr. Thomas Clasen, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Rachel Glennerster, Executive Director, J-PAL and Dr. Howard White, Executive Director, 3ie.

For the full agenda, click [here](#).

## **8. News from ODI projects: Aid for Trade, inclusive growth and poverty reduction**

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A new ODI project, funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and commissioned on behalf of European Union (EU) Member States, provides advice on how to achieve this.

The project has three components:

- An ODI Working Paper titled 'Trade, Growth and Poverty: Making Aid for Trade Work for Inclusive Growth and Poverty Reduction', which sets the Aid for Trade context, outlines the linkages between trade, growth and poverty, and suggests how Aid for Trade programming can support trade expansion alongside inclusive growth and poverty reduction.
- A series of five case studies and a synthesis which seek to identify lessons for policy and programming on removing constraints to trade, enabling inclusive growth and supporting poverty reduction.
- A 'Tips and tools for Aid for Trade, inclusive growth and poverty reduction' series, which provides advice on how to integrate poverty and social analysis into Aid for Trade programmes.

The project webpage can be found at:

<http://www.odi.org.uk/work/projects/details.asp?id=1055&title=aid-trade-promoting-inclusive-growth-poverty-reduction-phase-2>

## **9. Recent publications from ODI**

### **MDGs**

- Briefing paper: [The MDGs and gender](#)
- Briefing paper: [Economic growth and the MDGs](#)
- Briefing paper: [The MDG fundamentals: improving equity for development](#)
- Report: [Millennium Development Goals Report Card: Learning from progress](#)

### **Progress in Development:**

- The Development Progress Stories website outlines what has worked in development and why. Country case study focuses on one of eight major areas of development, from economic conditions to water and sanitation.
- ODI case studies available: <http://www.developmentprogress.org/>

### **State business relations and growth:**

- Dirk Willem te Velde and team have been working on the state-business relations cluster as part of the 2005-2010 Research Programme Consortium on institutions and pro-poor growth (IPPG), which examines in broad terms the institutional aspects behind growth and growth policies. A few studies on state business relations and growth (by local researchers in South Africa, Mauritius, Ghana and Zambia, and others in India) and a synthesis have just been launched. For all publications, see [www.ippg.org.uk](http://www.ippg.org.uk)

- Attached is a series of essays (in book form) which summarises much of the work on state business relations and growth by IPPG (e.g. a two pager summarising the African case studies, a two pager summarising the Indian case studies, but it also includes works by others (at ODI, GDI, IDS, World Bank etc) covering a further 10 country case studies (again focusing in on the SBR angle behind growth). For a 700 word summary of that, see: [http://blogs.odi.org.uk/blogs/main/archive/2010/09/10/africa\\_economic\\_growth\\_state\\_business\\_relations.aspx](http://blogs.odi.org.uk/blogs/main/archive/2010/09/10/africa_economic_growth_state_business_relations.aspx)
- Work on competitiveness by several at ODI and SNEC in Cambodia: [http://www.cambodia-gpsf.org/downloads/6b\\_Construction%20-%20Competitiveness\\_Sector%20Paper.pdf](http://www.cambodia-gpsf.org/downloads/6b_Construction%20-%20Competitiveness_Sector%20Paper.pdf).

#### **Why some countries have weathered the financial crisis better than others?**

- You may also want to include a synthesis of the financial crisis work (in 11 countries) which explains in part why some countries have weathered the financial crisis better than others (eg diversification policies etc), see <http://blogs.odi.org.uk/blogs/main/archive/2010/03/19/52457.aspx>
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The PEGNet Newsletter is not sent out on a regular basis, but depending on new developments or events within PEGNet and from our partners and members.

We are happy to include news from your side, if they are related to poverty reduction, equity and growth and in particular to the interaction between policy, practice and research in development. Please send the news you want to be distributed to [pegnet@ifw-kiel.de](mailto:pegnet@ifw-kiel.de). This could include calls for papers, reports of conferences or workshops, published papers or books, grants, new projects, programmes, or related initiatives.

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