

PEGNet Newsletter Volume 15

Welcome to the third newsletter of the year! In this newsletter we would like to inform you that the registration **for the annual PEGNet conference 2013 is open!** Please register before September 15. We would also like to announce a new PEGNet member – ZIPAR (Zambia Institute for Policy Analysis and Research).

As always, we will update you news and future events of our members. I hope you will enjoy our newsletter. This and past editions are also available online: [PEGNet Newsletter Archive](#).



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Papers addressing economic analysis of the broad issues relevant for economic development in Africa are invited for the CSAE 2014 conference which will take place at St Catherine’s College, Oxford on 23-25 March 2014.

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8. Call for Papers: Global Food Symposium 2014

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9. Call for panels for the EADI General Conference

The 14th EADI General Conference on “Responsible Development in a Polycentric World - Inequality, Citizenship and the Middle Classes” will be held on 23-26 June 2014 in Bonn. EADI cordially invites expressions of interest from interested institutions, researchers, NGO- and academic networks and study/research consortia and EADI working groups to organize a panel for the 14th General Conference in Bonn.

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PEGNet Conference 2013

PEGNet brings together researchers and development practitioners in order to foster exchange and cooperation between researchers and practitioners and to spread results from research and practical development cooperation.

As part of its activities PEGNet organizes an annual conference that is held alternately at member institutions in Europe and African countries. This year's annual conference will be hosted in cooperation with the Department of Economics **at the University of Copenhagen October 17-18, 2013**. The main theme of the conference is "**How to Shape Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Economies in the Developing World – Global, Regional, and Local Solutions**". All plenary sessions will focus on this theme, whereas parallel sessions cover themes of general interest to PEGNet members. Distinguished speakers include: Speakers and panelists that have already confirmed attendance to this year's conference include amongst others: Rema Hanna (Associate Professor, Harvard Kennedy School), Helmut Asche (Director at the German Institute for Development Evaluation), Richard Damania (Lead Economist at the World Bank) and Tewolde B. G. Egziabher (Director General at the Environmental Protection Authority of Ethiopia).

More information on PEGNet and on the conference can be obtained from the following links.

The draft program: <http://www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de/event/conferences/conference-2013/program-2013>

Registration for the PEGNet Conference 2013 is now open! Deadline for registration is 31 August 2013. The registration form can be found here: <http://www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de/event/conferences/conference-2013/registration-form-2013/>

New sub-event: Speedmatching

The speedmatching will facilitate conversations and collaborations between researchers and practitioners. Practitioners seeking to partner with researchers to develop and evaluate innovative programs and researchers looking for partners interested in designing and

studying research ideas are encouraged to apply to this matching program. The objective of the speedmatching is to provide an arena for communication between researchers and development practitioners concerning the development of innovative partnerships that result in design of new interventions, solutions for frequent implementation problems, and rigorous analysis of existing or collection of new data. To encourage and reward collaborations PEGNet will award seed funding to the most promising research partnerships.

[More information and registration](#)

Rooms have been pre-booked at [Cabinn City](#) and [Cabinn Scandinavia](#) hotels. Pre-booked rooms will be held at the hotels only until 15 August 2013. A list of hotels can be found [here](#). Please book your accommodation as early as possible. Copenhagen is a very busy location.

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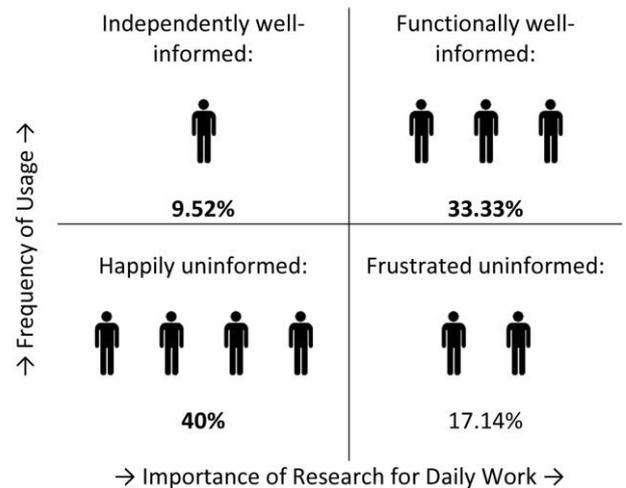
The aim of the session at the IAMO Forum 2013 was to find answers about how smallholder farmers and the growing number of large scale agro-businesses which enter the agricultural sector in particular in developing African economic can co-exist, cooperate or even do business together. Especially contributions which empirically look at areas of interaction, particularly where smallholders are not dispossessed ("land grabbing") but where other relations such as contract farming, cooperations for technology development, private-sector-conducted technical training, private credit or credit guarantees, local competition / co-existence on agricultural output markets exist were welcomed. Presentations can be found here: [Presentation 1](#) , [Presentation 2](#) , [Panel Proposal](#).

4. Happily Uninformed? The Demand for Research among Development Practitioners in Germany

The impact of development research is largest when it provides new and useful information for development practitioners, which they incorporate into their work. However, according to a survey undertaken by PEGNet among practitioners in development cooperation in Germany, many practitioners do not regularly read about or apply new research results or cooperate with researchers. Why is the usage of so many practitioners so low and how can it be improved? The answers given in the survey suggest that open access research, more communication and transparency about planned and ongoing research, and knowledge brokers that bridge differences in timing, thinking and language are the principal factors.

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Figure 1: Demand Matrix



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Call for papers for the joint PEGNet-DIE Workshop on “**Green and Social: Managing Synergies and Trade-offs**” held on **March 12-14, 2014** in Bonn. Deadline for submission is **30 September 2013**. With this workshop, we aim to address the gap between social and environmental perspectives on development by bringing together people not only from research and practice but also from the social inclusion community and the environmental community. The objective is to examine synergies and trade-offs using both research lenses, find ways to merge research approaches and discuss good practices in the design of environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive policies. We are looking for empirical and

theoretical contributions that offer concrete policy recommendations in any of the three broad areas outlined below:

1. Effects of environmental-oriented policies on poverty
2. Effects of poverty-oriented policies on the environment
3. Environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive development policies

[full call for papers](#)

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10. News from 3ie

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) seeks applications for proposal preparation grants under its Agricultural Innovation Thematic Window. This window will increase the stock of rigorous evidence on what works in agricultural innovation in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

This grant window will fund up to 16 new impact evaluations of interventions in the areas of knowledge transfer, contractual arrangements, adoption, and soil health. Priority questions in these areas are to be addressed in the context of impact evaluations of interventions implemented by the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Interventions by other entities are currently not eligible for funding under this window.

The grants will be awarded in two phases. The first phase will be to award proposal preparation grants. Research teams that are selected in the first phase will submit proposals for impact evaluations in the second phase.

The application deadline is 16 August 2013. More information can be found [here](#).

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