

PEGNet Newsletter Volume 14

Welcome to the second newsletter of the year! In this newsletter we would like to remind you to submit your papers and inputs **for the annual PEGNet conference 2013 by May 15, 2013**. We particularly encourage inputs from practitioners and submissions for the Best Practice Award.

As always, we will update you news and future events 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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Call for Papers



Conference 2013

PEGNet: Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network

How to Shape Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Economies in the Developing World – Global, Regional, and Local Solutions

Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark,

October 17-18, 2013

Conference format

The conference will provide a platform for high-level dialogue and exchange of ideas between development researchers, practitioners and policy-makers. The conference will feature parallel sessions based on invited and contributed papers as well as project presentations. The parallel sessions will be complemented by a debate, a round-table discussion, and keynote speeches by renowned speakers from academia, economic policy and development practice. In addition, the PEGNet Best Practice Award will be awarded for the fifth time to best practices in cooperation between researchers and practitioners. While plenary sessions will focus on the conference theme, parallel sessions and Best Practice Award projects are open to all topics surrounding PEGNet's core theme – the nexus between poverty, equity, and growth.

Conference theme

Economic growth has come largely at the expense of natural resource depletion and environmental degradation, and has not yet provided the basis for substantial reductions in economic and social inequality, which is why the concept of green growth has emerged to find ways to make growth compatible with environmental sustainability without neglecting social dimensions.

Inclusive green growth policies are difficult to design and, even in the best case scenarios, are not a panacea for overcoming developing economies' structural shortcomings that have

been excluding the poor from the benefits of growth. In particular, but not exclusively, we invite contributions (papers and projects) that provide answers to the following questions:

- What lessons can be learned from existing poverty reduction strategies about the scope for making social, economic and environmental objectives mutually reinforcing?
- What mix of regulatory, market-based and informative instruments is needed to facilitate the transition towards green growth which is pro-poor and inclusive?
- Are there models of agriculture, which can sustainably meet increased demand for food, feed, fuel and fiber while respecting resource scarcities and the integrity of vital ecosystems?
- What are the technological and financing needs for a green economy transition in agriculture, one that includes and benefits smallholder farmers, agricultural laborers and food security?
- How can the international development community contribute to this?
- How to shape consumer behavior towards green societies in developing and emerging regions?
- How can business and policymakers work together to create a green and inclusive economy, and upscale green and inclusive employment and business models?
- How can green and inclusive growth be modeled?

Best Practice Award

We also ask for submissions of projects, programs, and initiatives for the PEGNet Best Practice Award. This award will be granted to programmes or projects that have achieved effective interaction between research and practice. All initiatives that have proved to put research into action and have thereby fostered cooperation between development research and practice are encouraged to apply. Such initiatives can be development projects or programmes that have incorporated research tools into their design or research projects that have been particularly successful in translating their findings into policy and practice. Initiatives targeted at improving dialogue between researchers and practitioners are also encouraged to apply. <http://www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de/activities/best-practice-award> provides more information about the award.

A maximum of four projects will be selected by a committee on the basis of a three-page summary of the initiative's objectives, the type of interaction between research and practice as well as its results. The preselected projects will be asked to submit one additional paper or report. At the conference, each nominated initiative will be presented and the winner of a **prize of Euro 3000** will be selected by the committee.

Submission and Deadlines

Please email your submissions to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de in a pdf or Word file and indicate 'PEGNet Conference 2013' in the subject heading. The submission deadline for papers and Best Practice projects is **May 15, 2013**. Notification of acceptance will be sent out in early June 2013. Contributed papers and projects will be selected on the basis of papers or abstracts of not less than **400 words**. Priority will be given to empirical research with clear implications for policy design and implementation. The deadline for full papers and additional material for the Best Practice Award is **August 31, 2013**.

Authors of selected papers will have the option to submit their papers for a special issue of the Economics E-journal (<http://www.economics-ejournal.org/>). Please indicate in your submission Email if you also want to submit your paper for the special issue.

For more information on PEGNet and the conference please refer to www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de.

Organisers

The conference is co-organised by the Department of Economics at University of Copenhagen, the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and supported the KfW Development Bank, the Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the Courant Poverty Research Centre at the University of Göttingen.

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Unearthing productive employment: a diagnostic tool for sub-Saharan Africa

Summary:

This Working Paper develops a practical and useful methodology to identify key bottlenecks and opportunities to achieving full and productive employment for all. The methodology assesses where progress has been achieved and where to target efforts to enable a more socially inclusive and sustainable growth path. In practice, it builds on the well-known 'growth diagnostics' framework by incorporating important qualitative dimensions. The key messages are as follows:

- The type of economic growth matters for employment creation and poverty reduction.
- Productive employment should be the key focus of economic policy.
- A wide range of policies will be required to seize opportunities and tackle challenges.

Link to [paper](#)

Growth, employment and poverty in Africa: tales of lions and cheetahs

Summary:

Africa's recent economic performance has been quite impressive. However, strong economic growth has not always delivered corresponding benefits in terms of poverty reduction, partly because it has failed to generate sufficient productive employment. This paper compares the experiences of four fast-growing African countries—Ethiopia, Ghana, Mozambique and

Tanzania—in order to shed some light on the different growth paths being pursued, as well as on the policy choices that might explain the gaps in key development outcomes.

Link to [paper](#)

Recasting MDG 8: global policies for inclusive growth

Summary:

As we approach the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) deadline, there is a growing interest and debate on what might replace them. Specific proposals for new goals, targets and indicators have already emerged – including on income poverty, employment, education, health, environment and governance.

However, there has been far less attention on the key policy reforms that would be needed to fulfil those ambitions. This paper contributes to the post-2015 debate by presenting some arguments and proposals that could motivate the construction of an effective and progressive ‘global partnership for development’.

While economic and social progress ultimately depends on the implementation of appropriate domestic policies, the international environment can play a critical role in facilitating national development efforts. Therefore, this paper focuses on global economic policies – akin to MDG 8 – that have the potential to stimulate inclusive growth in developing countries

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Measuring impacts using experimental designs - and their application at GIZ

Summary:

Last year a new method for measuring the results of development projects – randomized controlled trials (RCTs) – drew considerable attention from the national and international press. This discussion was stimulated in particular by a number of publications by Banerjee and Duflo from the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Building on the work of our predecessor organizations, GIZ has been developing thorough methods for assessing results and seeking ways of applying them to our projects. The Monitoring and Evaluation Unit carried out an RCT pilot in Senegal and has now assessed our experiences of using this method. While making allowances for the local conditions of the project, we have developed a set of recommendations for the possible use and feasibility of RCTs in GIZ projects.

The Monitoring and Evaluation Unit is going to increase its efforts to test results assessments, which are suitable for a broad range of evaluation subjects considering time, data and budget constraints paying particular attention to the needs of GIZ and its projects.

In the attached paper we have summarised our findings and recommendations regarding the application of RCTs in the GIZ context

The reports can be accessed [here](#) (in German) and [here](#) (in English)

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