

PEGNet NEWSLETTER VOLUME 27

Welcome to the third newsletter of the year! In this newsletter, we are pleased to inform you about the latest developments that have occurred at PEGNet and within our partner organisations.

Two important developments within our network in the past quarter have been occurred: the opening of the PEGNet Conference 2016 registrations and the continuation of our policy brief series. More information on these and other changes are available below.

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1. Announcement: Registration for the PEGNet conference is now open

The registration for the PEGNet 2016 Conference on „**Regional integration for Africa's economic transformation – Challenges and opportunities**“ is now officially open and can be accessed here: [>>Registration form](#).

Similar to previous years, there will be no registration or conference fees. If you want to attend the conference dinner on the first day of the conference day, a fee of 20 Euros or 15,000 Rwanda Franc will be charged. This fee will be charged to ensure that participants that have signed up for the dinner are committed to attending it and to reduce food wastage. The money collected will not be kept by the PEGNet team but will be donated to a charity whose mission is in line with that of PEGNet and takes a strong focus on the reduction of poverty and inequality. Details of how to make the payment will be shared upon completion of the registration form. We are happy to invite you to attend this conference in Kigali.

As in previous years, we have a very exciting line up of speakers and sessions. The roundtable discussion on “Harnessing regional trade for growth and poverty reduction in landlocked countries” will be chaired by Ms. Sonja Kurz who currently heads the section on Economic Policy and



Private Sector Development at the GIZ Headquarters in Eschborn, Germany. Ms Kurz will be joined at the roundtable discussion by Mr Ed. Brown from the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), Ms. Xinshen Diao from the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and

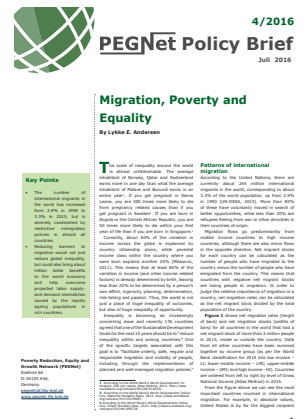
Mr. Denis Karera who is the Chairperson of the East Africa Business Council. The Rwandan Minister of Trade and Industry, Hon. Minister Mr François Kanimba will also be participating in this discussion. The diverse backgrounds and fields of expertise of the speakers that range from agricultural economics, industrialization, regional integration to structural transformation are guaranteed to yield important insights.

2. New Policy Brief

The fourth PEGNet Policy Brief has been published and is now available on our website at the following link: [PEGNet Policy Brief](#). The Policy Brief on 'Migration, Poverty and Equality' that has been authored by [Lykke E. Andersen](#), proposes that

reducing barriers to migration would not just reduce global inequality, but could also bring about trillion dollar benefits to the world economy and help overcome projected labor supply and demand mismatches caused by the rapidly ageing populations in rich countries. Lykke E. Andersen is currently based in Bolivia where she directs the Center for Environmental-Economic Modeling and Analysis (CEEMA) at INESAD.

Previous editions of the PEGNet Policy Brief are available [here](#). Authors that are interested in contributing to the PEGNet Policy Brief Series are invited to send contact the PEGNet Team: pegnet@ifw-kiel.de



3. News from the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)

The EADI General Conference is a joint partnership between the EADI (European Association of Development Research and Training Institute), NFU (Norwegian Association of Development Research) and the University of Bergen.

This conference is organized every third year, with the most recent conference held in Bonn 2014. In the Nordic context, a biennial Nordic Development conference is organized by one of the respective national development research associations, the most recent one held in Gothenburg in 2015. In 2017, EADI and NFU join forces together with the University of Bergen as the local host to invite scholars, policymakers and practitioners to a three-day conference (21-23 August 2017) to engage in new approaches to understand global challenges. Therefore, next year's conference is organised under the heading “Globalisation at the crossroads: rethinking inequalities and boundaries”.

The call for panels and papers, and the conference description can be found [here](#) (available from September 2016).



4. News from DFID-ESRC Growth Research Programme (DEGRP)

DEGRP has recently published **its latest set of policy essays** based on discussion at a DEGRP event held in Johannesburg last December, in parallel with the second summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC).

Growth Research Programme

Featuring contributions from DEGRP China-Africa researchers, as well as a keynote speech from ex-World Bank Chief Economist Justin Yifu Lin, it addresses issues such as industrialisation, employment dynamics, conservation, governance, and peace and security, all in the context of changing China-Africa relations. Download the set of essays [here](#). A Mandarin version is coming soon.

Another issue is DEGRP's latest 'Research in Context' by Steve Wiggins which provides context and analysis for DEGRP-funded project **Assessing the contribution of the dairy sector to economic growth and food security Malawi**. The project used supply chain analysis to assess the potential for dairy to aid economic growth and food security in Malawi. Read or download the Research in Context [here](#).

result in prosperity for the population and is considered to positively influence stability. With a growing number of RECs and regional free trade agreements (RTAs), the question arises, whether regional economic integration has been achieved and whether the assumed benefits hold true. The objective of the paper is to establish an overview of currently existing monitoring and evaluation approaches and systems within a number of RECs worldwide to measure the progress and attainment of regional economic integration (REI). You find the paper [here](#).

The GIZ Sector Project Sustainable Economic

Development has launched its new **Issue Brief 'Synergies and trade-offs between green growth policies and inclusiveness'**. It presents a coherent definition of the term 'inclusive green growth' and a checklist to identify synergies and trade-offs between green growth policies and inclusiveness. It addresses the concern of many policymakers that implementing green growth policies would hinder or even undermine the fight against poverty and social inequality. Please click [here](#) to access the document.



Green growth policies and inclusiveness: Synergies and trade-offs

A checklist approach for identifying synergies and trade-offs of green growth policies

The challenge
Achieving a green growth and inclusive development is a complex task. It requires a coherent definition of the term 'inclusive green growth' and a checklist to identify synergies and trade-offs between green growth policies and inclusiveness. It addresses the concern of many policymakers that implementing green growth policies would hinder or even undermine the fight against poverty and social inequality. Please click [here](#) to access the document.

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5. News from GIZ

In its ongoing efforts to evaluate **develoPPP.de**, Germany's flagship programme for private sector cooperation in international development, the German

giz Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval) has published a portfolio analysis of projects implemented to date under the auspices of the programme. Results regarding factors influencing application and selection of projects are available both as a summary version (in English) as well as a full report (in German). Publication of the final evaluation report is scheduled for later this year.

[>> More information](#)

The GIZ Sector Project Development-oriented Trade Policy, Trade and Investment Promotion has published a paper on **'Monitoring regional economic integration in practice'**. Since the 1980s the world has witnessed an increase in regionalism resulting in an increasing number of regional trading blocs and the establishment of regional economic communities (REC). Regional economic integration is believed to bring a number of benefits. Amongst them ranges economic growth through trade in larger markets which is believed to

Call for Applications: The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development invites applications for the International Expert Workshop "Bridging the Gap: Approaches and Policies for Reducing Inequalities", Berlin, 5-6 September 2016. This workshop will bring together scholars, policy makers and practitioners from the Global South and North to discuss how development cooperation can contribute to reduce inequalities.

[>>More information](#)

6. News from the University of Göttingen

The Third GlobalFood Symposium will be held on 28-29 April 2017 in Göttingen, Germany. The aim of this Symposium is to discuss new research findings and policy challenges related to the global agri-food system transformation. The two-day event will feature plenary sessions, contributed paper sessions, and posters. Confirmed speakers include Jenny Aker (USA), Kym Anderson (Australia), Jill McCluskey (USA), Marie Ruel (USA), Tom Reardon (USA), Jo Swinnen (Belgium), and Maximo Torero (USA).

Researchers are invited to submit contributed papers and posters from all researchers working on related topics

from an economics and/or social science perspective. Topics to be covered include: supply chain management, food standards and trade, sustainability certification,



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contract farming,
linking smallholder
farmers to markets,

food security and poverty, supermarkets, consumer preferences, nutrition transition, obesity, among others.

All submissions should be in the form of extended abstracts (two pages) and should be submitted [here](#). The **submission deadline is 15 November 2016**.

Participants will have to carry their own travel costs plus 50 EUR registration fee (including free access to all sessions, coffee breaks, two lunch snacks, and one conference dinner). The organizers try to make available a few travel stipends for accepted contributions from developing-country doctoral students.

Further questions can be addressed to: globalfood@uni-goettingen.de

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8. News from the University of Hohenheim

The section Rural Development Theory and Policy of the Institute of Agricultural Sciences in the Tropics (Hans-Ruthenberg-Institute) offers a position as "Research Associate", that is available from 1 September, 2016 or

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later for a period of 33 to 36 months as Research Associate.

The research associate is expected to contribute to the teaching, administration and research activities of the professorship. The successful candidate will also pursue own empirical research for a doctoral degree in the field of rural development economics. The topic chosen could be linked with on-going or newly funded research projects. Candidates may also propose their own dissertation topic and research plan in a brief (maximum two pages) proposal.

Candidates should have a good or very good degree (at the Master's Level) in agricultural, development or environmental economics, or other related fields in economic or social sciences, and a keen interest in research on agricultural and rural development. M.Sc. level courses in statistics/econometrics are an additional prerequisite, and solid practical skills in using STATA and/or SPSS are expected. In addition, skills in qualitative and/or quantitative research methods and experience working in developing countries or with national and international development organizations are welcome. A very good working knowledge in the English language is required, and other languages (in particular French or

Spanish) are as well an advantage.

The University of Hohenheim strongly encourages women to apply. Applications including a CV, the M.Sc. and B.Sc. transcript with listing of courses and grades, full PDF copies of the Bachelor and Master thesis plus list of publications and presentations, together with a cover letter shall be sent by **15 August, 2016** to: Prof. Dr. Manfred Zeller ([email](#)). Late applications will be considered if the position is not yet filled. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

>>More information

9. News from International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)

3ie is inviting research organisations or consortia to express interest in undertaking an impact evaluation of an integrated soil fertility management (ISFM) programme



International Initiative
for Impact Evaluation

in Burkina Faso. In the first phase, teams are invited to apply for

a proposal preparation grant under 3ie's Agricultural Innovation Thematic Window (TW4). The proposal preparation grant will support teams to undertake

formative work to design a rigorous and policy-relevant impact evaluation. Teams will be required to work in close collaboration with AGRA and **Groupe de Recherche et d'Actions pour le Développement (GRAD)**, the agency implementing the ISFM programme. For more information regarding this funding opportunity, please click [here](#).



The What Works Global Summit (WWGS) is an international culture-shifting event, putting evidence at



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the heart of policy and practice. The conference will share experience from around the world and across sectors on

measuring policy impact, use of evidence, promoting policy uptake, knowledge translation and critical appraisal of evidence, as well as discussions of new evidence and study methods. For more information about WWGS 2016, click [here](#).



10. News from the Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE)

CSAE launched a Call for Papers for the conference on Economic Development in Africa which will take place in the St Catherine's College, Oxford, on the 19-21 March 2017. Papers addressing economic analysis of the broad issues relevant for economic development in Africa are invited for the CSAE 2017 conference. Papers on countries other than those in Africa are welcome, providing they deal with issues central to African development.



Due to the high demand to present papers at this conference, CSAE will only be considering full drafts of papers for 2017 which should also include a short abstract. All papers for consideration must be submitted [online](#). Detailed submission instructions can be found [here](#). The **submission deadline is Friday 28 October 2016**.

To find out more about what the CSAE Conference is like, watch this [short video](#). Enquiries should include the reference 'CSAE Conference 2017' and sent to the following [email](#).

12. News from the European Public Choice Society

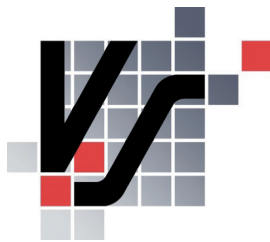
The 2017 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society will be held from 19-22 April, 2017 at the Central European University's School of Public Policy in Budapest, Hungary. The European Public Choice Society promotes scientific research on the economics and politics of public and non-market decision-making, political economy and the economics of institutions. About 250 researchers from different fields such as economics, political science and other social sciences meet annually to discuss the current issues in all fields of Public Choice.

The European Public Choice Society invites the submission of empirical, experimental, and theoretical papers. All contributed papers should be submitted via the online submission form ([here](#)), starting from 1 September, 2016. The deadline for submission is **30 November, 2016**.

The conference will be held at the School of Public Policy at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. [>>More information](#)

11. News from the German Economic Association, Research Group on Development Economics

The annual international conference of the German Economic Association Research Group on Development Economics will take place on 1-2 June 2017 at the University of Goettingen, Germany. This conference brings together international scholars and researchers of development economics and neighboring fields.



Plenary sessions with keynote speakers, parallel sessions with contributed papers, and a poster session (with two discussants for all posters) will reflect the current state of research in development economics and provide a forum

for exchange for researchers and practitioners.

Interested contributors are invited to fill a [submission form](#) and upload their full paper **before 15 February**. Acceptance notes with detailed information will be sent by early April 2017. There will be a conference fee of Euro 50.

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13. News from the Center of Development Research (ZEF)

The Department of Economic and Technological Change of the Center for Development Research, University of Bonn (Prof. Joachim von Braun) invites applications for the position of a



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Postdoctoral Researcher in Development Economics. The position has a duration until December 2017. An extension of the contract may be possible.

The researcher will play a lead role in research projects related to development economics with a focus on economics of food and nutrition security, and opportunities of web based information and communications. The researcher will be based at ZEF in Bonn, Germany, and work in collaboration with the ZEF research team on food price volatility. He/she will be responsible for different kind of tasks, for example conducting research on determinants of volatility and risks or teaching in the ZEF doctoral studies program.

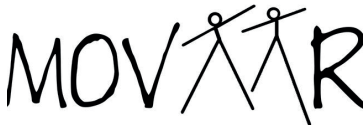
Applicants should have an PhD in Economics, Development Economics, or Agricultural Economics or related, a promising academic publications record, very good analytical skills for quantitative and time series econometric analysis, excellence in oral and written English language, excellent interpersonal skills and team spirit and knowledge in statistical packages such as STATA



and computational economics. Detailed information about the responsibilities and requirements are available [here](#). Applications should be submitted by **30 August 2016**, and contain a short letter of motivation, a CV, certificates of studies, and three references, and sent via **Email** indicating "**PostDoc Volatility**" in the subject. The position is open as long as this vacancy is announced on the ZEF [website](#).

14. News from MOVAAR

MOVAAR is looking for experienced professionals willing to take on the role of the diaspora coach. Coaching requires regular contact with the local coach as well as



the assigned mentee along with participation in three coaching and facilitation training sessions. In case

of interest please fill out the recruitment form which you will find soon on our [website](#) or on [Facebook](#). In case of questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with [Laura Arnemann](#). It pairs them with a network of trained locally-based and diaspora-based skills coaches who prepare them to create solution proposals for challenges facing their home communities. The main goal of M.O.V.A.A.R. is to promote community-based youth-led entrepreneurial development efforts through educational programs and activities. MOVAAR holds the youth of communities in developing countries as their most powerful capability and places them at the heart of our mission to help enlarge opportunities for self and community betterment in education, grassroots entrepreneurship and small enterprise, and local leadership.

To reach this goal M.O.V.A.A.R. uses project based learning in the Gambia to enhance the skillset of high school students and enable them to fully develop their entrepreneurial potential. The pillar of MOVAARS activities is the Skills Formation Program (SFP) which is a 12-week (52 hours) skills-transfer program.

After a successful pilot project and second edition, the SFP program will be expanded to Sub-Saharan Africa.

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