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Welcome to the final PEGNet Newsletter of 2016. We are happy to announce the launch of the PEGNet Expert Discussion Series which are a new forum of exchange between research and practice.

In addition, we would like to report on this year's PEGNet Conference that took place in Kigali, Rwanda. As usual, we will also provide you with information on the latest developments at our partner institutes. This and past editions are available online: [PEGNet Newsletter Archive](#).



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1. PEGNet Expert Discussion Series

We are pleased to announce the launch of the PEGNet Expert Discussion Series (*Fachgespräche*). The first PEGNet Fachgespräch on „Industrialisation in Africa“ took place in October at the GIZ headquarters in Eschborn. The objective of these talks is to intensify the exchange between researchers and policy makers. In particular, the PEGNet Expert



Discussion Series aims to enable policy makers to benefit more from research output.

More information about the last PEGNet

Fachgespräche (in German) can be found [here](#).

2. PEGNet Conference

This year's PEGNet Conference took place in Kigali, Rwanda, on 15-16 September. Researchers, policy makers and practitioners presented their work and discussed the theme „Regional Integration for Africa's Transformation - Challenges and Opportunities“. Based on the conference **feedback**, the debate that asked whether regional integration in Africa should follow the EU model was the highlight for most conference participants. The debate featured Helmut Asche (University of Mainz, Germany) and Peter Draper (Tutwa Consulting, South Africa) as discussants and Katja Dombrowski (E+Z/D+C Magazine) as moderator.

The **Conference Booklet** includes the program, short biographies of speakers, information on parallel sessions and links to papers presented. Similar to previous years, a selection of **photos** is available on the website.

In addition, our media partner, **D+C**, has published an **article** on regional integration in sub-Saharan Africa with reference to the PEGNet Conference. The author, Katja Dombrowski, reports on the different views on regional integration raised during the Roundtable Discussion and the Debate. The PEGNet Conference has also been reported on in the Rwandan newspaper „The New Times“.

This year, the Best Practice Award was awarded to

researchers from the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam in The Hague for their project on „Community Based Health Insurance in Ethiopia“. Arjun Bedi received the Best Practice Award on behalf of all researchers involved in the project. Arjun



Bedi and his co-researchers assessed the impact of the introduction of Community Based Health Insurance in Ethiopia in 2011. Throughout the project, the researchers worked closely with policy actors in Ethiopia, including the Ethiopian Health Insurance Agency.

Finally, the proceeds raised from the conference Dinner were donated to the Partnership Rhineland-Palatinate/Rwanda. In 2014, the Rwandan government initiated a School-Feeding program to provide all students with a meal. The Partnership supports the program through agricultural projects at schools where students and parents grow fruit and vegetables themselves to be used in the school kitchens. That way students do not only get a meal but also learn to take over responsibility and grow food efficiently.



3. New PEGNet Policy Brief

The **sixth PEGNet Policy Brief** has been published and can now be found on our **website**. The Policy Brief titled „Designing Better Donor Strategies for Inclusive Business“ has been authored by Linda Kleemann, who is a Postdoctoral researcher at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy and a Consultant at the GFA Consulting Group. In this policy brief, Linda Kleemann points out that sensible donor intervention strategies in inclusive business depend on the existence of inclusive business opportunities and levels of trade-offs and binding constraints faced by inclusive businesses. A



stepwise procedure to define donor strategies selects appropriate intervention methods based on an analysis of the existence and levels of constraints and leaves the identification of business opportunities to businesses. According to the arguments made in the brief, there is limited evidence on the role that inclusive business can play towards delivering inclusive growth or fulfilling development objectives. This evidence base needs to be strengthened in order to improve interventions in the medium-run. Previous editions of the PEGNet Policy Brief are available [here](#). Authors who are interested in contributing to the PEGNet Policy Brief Series are invited to contact the PEGNet Team: pegnet@ifw-kiel.de



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

From 21-23 August 2017, the EADI General Conference takes place under the heading **„Globalization at the crossroads: rethinking inequalities and boundaries“** at the University of Bergen. 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.



The conference is organized every third year, with the most recent conference held in Bonn 2014. In 2017, EADI and NFU join forces together with the University of Bergen as the local host to invite scholars, policymakers and practitioners to engage in new approaches to understand global challenges.

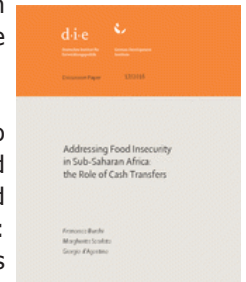
Please visit www.eadi-nordic2017.org for the call for papers, and the conference description. The deadline for submission of paper abstracts is **31 January, 2017**.

5. News from DIE

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut

für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) is running a research project on “Social security systems, food security and long-term development” with funding provided by BMZ within the “One World – No Hunger (SEWOH)” Initiative. This research project examines the impact of different social protection schemes on food security and rural development in sub-Saharan Africa and tries to identify how to shape these policies in order to make them more effective. So far, two DIE discussion papers and one Briefing Paper have been produced by the project:

The first Discussion Paper (Francesco Burchi, Margherita Scarlato and Giorgio d’Agostino: Addressing food insecurity in sub-Saharan Africa: the role of cash transfers) provides a comprehensive overview of the evidence of the effects of cash transfers on the different components of food security, and identifies the key design features that ensure higher reduction of food security.



The second Discussion Paper (Christoph Strupat: From protection to reduction? The impact of the public health insurance scheme on child labour in Ghana) investigates whether the implementation of the National Health Insurance Scheme affects health and child labour in Ghana. The results suggest that the insurance scheme leads to a decrease in out-of-pocket payments for health purposes and in the incidence of child labour, especially in rural areas.

6. News from DEGRP

DEGRP has now created a Mandarin language version of its China-Africa policy essays. The latest policy essay that is now also available in Mandarin has the title „China-Africa: a maturing relationship? Growth, change, resilience“.

Also, the DEGRP China-Africa project „Chinese national oil companies and the economic development of African oil producers“ has released a set of short video clips about their research, available as a playlist on YouTube. Featuring interviews with researchers and members of the project’s international advisory network, the videos set the scene for the project’s research on the interaction between China’s oil interests and African state and non-state actors in Ghana, Angola and Sudan.

Growth Research Programme

7. News from the University of Göttingen

The Third Global Food 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 until 15 November 2016. Papers may be written from an Economics or, more generally, Social Science perspective.

GlobalFood

Topics to be covered include: supply chain management, food standards

and trade, sustainability certification, 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. Job opening at IFPRI

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) seeks an Associate Research Fellow/Research Fellow for a two year, renewable appointment for its Development Strategy and Governance Division. The successful candidate would focus on enhancing the impact of policies and rural investments on poverty, food security and employment



in the Middle East and North Africa. The main task would be to produce cutting-edge research and to disseminate research products and tools. The complete job description and information on the required qualifications can be found [here](#).

9. News from GIZ

GIZ's Sector Project Sustainable Economic Development has published a new discussion paper titled "The Political Economy of Extractive Resources", which analyses power structures, the web of interests and resulting incentive structures in resource-rich countries. The study applies new theories of political economy and presents case studies. The realistic analysis provides a political economy framework to support the work of development practitioners.



It discusses the dynamics likely to be encountered when implementing approaches of technical cooperation in resource-rich countries. The study can therefore serve as a background document for the preparation of political economic analyses and provides appropriate methods for such analyses. In addition, the discussion paper gives suggestions how interventions of development cooperation can be targeted and pitfalls avoided, whilst taking into account the complex political economic framework. The study is available [online](#).

The "Manual for the Analysis of National Monitoring and Evaluation Systems" was recently published by GIZ's Sector Project Sustainable Economic Development. It provides development practitioners with a systematic approach to analyse national monitoring and evaluation systems (NMES). Analysing the NMES may reveal entry points for German Technical Cooperation and can enable cooperation projects in various sectors to align their monitoring with the national system.

The manual has two parts: Part A is a user's guide outlining the structure and process of an NMES analysis. Part B constitutes a comprehensive database of issues and questions that can be addressed during the study. A software tool is attached to the publication, which facilitates the creation of analysis grids and questionnaires for an NMES analysis. The study is available online ([English](#) /[French](#)).

On behalf of BMZ and in cooperation with the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment the study "Linkages to the Resource Sector. The Role of Companies, Government and International Development Cooperation" has been prepared by the Sector Project Sustainable Economic Development. The study focuses on the promotion of



economic linkages between foreign extractive industries (EI) investments and the rest of resource-rich countries' economies as well as on these linkages' potential to foster economic diversification, employment creation, and skill enhancement. Based on a short overview of the types of economic linkages, the study reviews the academic literature and a diverse set of case studies for each individual linkage type. It then analyses how policies aimed at the development of economic linkages may be affected by various constraints such as the international legal framework or changes in global production processes. Against this background, the study develops different recommendations for the major stakeholders, namely, the government, the EI sector, and international development cooperation organizations. The study is available [online](#).

The Manual for development practitioners "Planning Policy Impact Assessments and Choosing the Right Methods" was recently published by the GIZ Sector Project Sustainable Economic Development. It shall guide practitioners through the process of a Policy Impact Assessment (IA) and offers them helpful approaches for advisory services to partner governments in developing countries. The study provides an overview of the different procedural and analytical steps of conducting an IA and pays special attention to institutionalization of an IA, relevant stakeholders and their involvement in IA. The reader will be able to prepare and commission IAs and to interpret results. In addition, the Manual gives a concise overview of different quantitative and qualitative methods of IA, the requirements of these (data, time and finances) and offers guidance which methods might be suitable for which kind of circumstances. The study is available [online](#).



The GIZ Sector Project Sustainable Economic Development has launched its new Issue Brief 'Local Content in the Extractive Sector' in cooperation with the GIZ project 'Employment for sustainable development in Africa'. Local procurement in the extractive sector offers a huge potential for many resource-rich developing countries to use these resources for a sustainable development. Capacities of the local enterprises and workforce, preservation of competitiveness as well as international trade agreements are aspects which should be considered when designing local content regulations. These regulations often require a specific fraction of a final good, work or device to be sourced domestically and are therefore used

by many resource-rich countries in the extractive sector. This Issue Brief presents existing approaches of GIZ in the area of local content. Please click [here](#) to access the document.

10. News from ODI

On Wednesday 26 October, ODI held a reception in the UK parliament hosted by Rachel Reeves MP to launch the new ODI parliamentary briefing on women's economic empowerment. The briefing sets out the challenges and opportunities posed by women's economic empowerment, and provides practical actions and policy options for UK parliamentarians, a number of whom attended the reception itself. Here are the [briefing](#) and an [overview](#) over ODI work on gender.

What are the factors that enable or constrain women's economic empowerment? The [report](#) on achieving women's economic empowerment brings together new and existing evidence to propose a set of core building blocks for the complex process of women's economic empowerment. We identify 10 key factors and make recommendations for policy and practice for each.



The [research paper](#) "In search of bad inequalities for growth and appropriate policy choices for their reduction in Africa" by Professor Nicholas Ngepah is the first in a new series of reports, commissioned in collaboration with Southern Voice, called 'Starting Strong: the first 1000 days of the SDGs'. The report attempts to inform SDG implementation strategies for Goals 1, 5, 8 and 10 in Africa.

The latest paper commissioned as part of the series 'Starting Strong: the first 1000 days of the SDGs', looks at the early actions needed to ensure the SDGs deliver on women's economic empowerment and labour force participation in Latin America and the Caribbean. The paper can be found [here](#).

Leaving no one behind is the moral issue of our age and is at the heart of the SDGs. This new [flagship report](#) from ODI not only makes the case for early action, it also quantifies its benefits. The report outlines the actions that governments can take in the first 1,000 days of the SDGs to respond to what poor people want and to deliver for the most marginalised people and groups. The evidence shows that achieving the SDGs and the ambition to



leave no one behind will become far more difficult the longer governments delay. Here are an [animation](#) and [infographics](#).

Three briefing notes explore the key findings and outcomes from a series of regional dialogues 'Starting Strong: the first 1000 days of the SDGs' held in [Kenya](#), [Sri Lanka](#) and [Colombia](#) over the past 3 months.

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