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Introduction

Welcome to the June edition of the [Livelihoods Resource Centre](#) eBulletin. In this edition we look at the latest LRC news, publications relating to livelihoods and highlight various events, meetings and conferences that may be of interest.

We continue to welcome your reports, comments, suggestions and letters on any livelihoods subject you wish to raise within the Livelihoods cadre or think will be of general interest to readers. Please email lrc@htspe.com with submissions.

LRC Update

We are working to ensure the website and eBulletin are meeting your needs and would like to invite your general feedback. We are also looking for volunteers with whom to conduct a short interview to establish ways in which to develop our core services. Please email the Livelihoods Resource Centre at lrc@htspe.com if you would like to be involved.

International Workshop on Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change

The German Government's Development agency, GTZ, USAID, The World Bank and DFID held a workshop on 28th - 30th May to develop guidance and tools for mainstreaming climate change adaptation in development. The event was held in Berlin and the LRC attended to assist with logistical support on behalf of DFID.

Practical approaches and instruments to assist climate change adaptation are constantly being developed and the purpose of the workshop was to evaluate progress and bring tool developers and potential users together to discuss dissemination, implementation strategies and identify areas that need further development.

Conference participants consisted of donors, the scientific and academic communities and partner institutions in developing countries and emerging economies. Existing resources and tools discussed included the following:

[OECD Policy Guidance on Integrating Adaptation to Climate Change into Development Co-operation](#)

[ORCHID: Piloting Climate Risk Screening in DFID Bangladesh](#)

[Summary of CRiSTAL: Community-based Risk Screening Tool – Adaptation & Livelihoods](#), IISD

[PRECIS](#), Met Office

[CEDRA \(Climate change and Environmental Degradation Risk and Adaptation assessment\)](#), Tearfund

Other useful link: [Integrating Climate Change into Development](#), USAID

LRC News

We would like to warmly welcome Samantha Salmon to the LRC core team, as Project Manager. She joins us from The Prince's Trust where she previously worked as a Programme Executive.

Improved Evidence of Livelihoods Programmes, DFID Afghanistan

The LRC has been commissioned by DFID Afghanistan to provide a flexible Technical Assistance (TA) resource to help develop and strengthen the Monitoring and Evaluation of livelihood programmes, and conduct selected evaluations and impact assessments. The overall focus will be on improving data collection, monitoring and evaluation and to oversee and deliver the livelihood outcomes in the interim Afghanistan National Development Strategy (ANDS). We have recently appointed full time technical assistance to assist with this within the Ministry for Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD). The TA focuses on DFID programmes and the three main Ministries involved in livelihoods in Afghanistan (Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development – MRRD; Ministry of Counter Narcotics - MCN; and Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock – MAIL).

Related news: World Bank Provides Further Support to Afghanistan's Flagship Rural Development Program

In the last month the World Bank has approved an additional US\$75 million grant to help improve local governance at grassroots level and build rural infrastructure. The additional grant will support the continuation of Afghanistan's National Solidarity Program (NSP), which is part of the government's broader effort to forge national unity and rebuild Afghanistan from the bottom up.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Related article: 'Afghanistan more food secure in 2009,' DFID, May 2009. Afghanistan Country Profile, DFID.

Publications

[How bioenergy projects could boost rural livelihoods \(id21Research highlight\)](#)
Final Report Prepared for Pisces and FAO by Practical Action Consulting, January 2009:
'[Small-Scale Bioenergy Initiatives: Brief description and preliminary lessons on livelihood impacts](#)'.

A report from Practical Action Consulting, in the UK, explores lessons learned from the latest approaches to community bioenergy use. The research was undertaken for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and the UK DFID's Policy Innovation Systems for Clean Energy Security Project.

The 15 studies, from initiatives in Asia, Latin America and Africa, examine the use of bioresources - naturally growing plants which are not cultivated; bioresidues from existing agricultural, forestry or industrial activities, and biofuels – purpose-grown energy crops. All the projects emphasise local consumption of the end energy product or service.

The study shows the vital role of bioenergy in fulfilling basic household energy needs and

how its availability and low cost makes it vital to poor people.

To access the id21 Research highlight, please click [here](#).

To access the full report, please click [here](#).

Related event: [A 'Green Revolution' in Africa?: GM Crops and Inorganic Fertilizers versus Organics and 'Natural' Farming](#)

11.00 – 13.00, Friday 3rd July 2009

Chatham House, London

[The Livelihoods of 'adivasi' women in South India \(id21 Research highlight\)](#)

Brooks World Poverty Institute Working Paper 32, BWPI: Manchester, by Shoba Arun:

['Managing Assets and Vulnerability Contexts: Vistas of Gendered Livelihoods of 'adivasi' Women in South India'](#),

In Kerala, India, the state leads some notable development initiatives. But the many dimensions of deprivation within indigenous communities are under-researched, particularly in relation to women. More responsive measures can only be developed through a better understanding of poverty. This is particularly the case for the historically neglected 'adivasi' ('original inhabitants').

A paper from the Brooks World Poverty Institute, argues the ability of 'adivasi' to manage their assets depends on specific vulnerabilities. These are gendered in that they affect men and women differently. The 'adivasi' of Kerala, but especially women, have not benefited from development processes and policies like other groups in the state and this report explores the evidence, causes, and the recognition and responses needed to address this topic.

To access the id21 Research highlight, please click [here](#).

To access the full reports, please click [here](#).

Related article: [In Africa, 'Poverty Has a Female Face,'](#) World Bank, May 2009.

[State of the World's Forests 2009](#), FAO

This eighth biennial issue of *State of the World's Forests* considers the unfolding future of forests and forestry at the subregional, regional and global levels. Based on the most recent of FAO's periodic forest sector outlook studies, it examines the impacts that external factors such as demographic, economic, institutional and technological changes may have on forests. With globalization and improved communications, the regional scenarios will be increasingly interlinked. However, some countries and regions are better prepared to face the upcoming challenges and take advantage of emerging opportunities, while others still lack essential institutional, legal and economic conditions to manage their forest resources in a sustainable manner.

To access the full report, please click [here](#).

Related article: ['Are Non-Timber Forest Products \(NTFPs\) a way out of poverty?'](#) id21 insight, May 2009.

Events

[Training: ISDR presents Disasters and development: reducing risk - protecting livelihoods](#)
8th – 15th June 2009

South Africa

Disaster Mitigation for Sustainable Livelihoods Programme (DIMP)

This course views reducing disaster occurrence as a shared undertaking that goes far beyond improved disaster or emergency response. It gives explicit priority to assessing and building on household and community capabilities in at-risk communities, so that vulnerability reduction efforts are sustainable.

The course takes a developmental approach to the sustainable reduction of disaster risk. In both the national context of the Disaster Management Act and National Disaster Management Framework, as well as with respect to the priorities of the Hyogo Framework for Action, it is centrally relevant to disaster managers, councillors / political leaders. However, it is equally relevant to those concerned with all aspects of service delivery, business continuity, poverty reduction, humanitarian action and sustainable development.

For further details, please click [here](#).

[Sustainable Livelihoods and Pro-poor Market Development](#)

10.30 – 16.30, Tuesday 21st July

The University of Bath

Keynote speaker: Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi, Private Sector Development Head of Profession, DFID

As part of an international series, the Centre for Development Studies, at the University of Bath is hosting a seminar bringing together academics, practitioners and policy-makers to explore the links between Sustainable Livelihoods Approaches (SLA) and recent approaches to pro-poor market development.

This seminar will explore the following questions:

- What are the overlaps, synergies, tensions and divergences between SLA and pro-poor market development analysis and approaches?
- How effective have pro-poor market development approaches been in developing sustainable and scalable strategies for livelihoods promotion and what are the lessons and insights that this work has generated?
- How does the current financial and economic crisis challenge or reinforce the understanding of market development on which these approaches are based?

To register email markets-seminar@bath.ac.uk stating your name, job title and organisation. To find out more and to participate in the seminar **online discussions** join the [Livelihoods Seminar Group](#) at <http://community.eldis.org/sla>.

The LRC

The LRC provides services in two areas: a wide variety of **commissioned services** available exclusively to DFID Advisers and **core services**: facilitating access to the latest Livelihoods and other International Development resources via our website and the monthly [eBulletin](#). For more details on the services we provide or how to commission the LRC, please visit our website www.livelihoodsrc.org or email lrc@htspe.com.

We hope that you have found the content of this eBulletin informative and useful and welcome your comments and suggestions for future editions. Please contact [Matthew Roberts](#) or [Jacqueline Wright](#) with your feedback and ideas for further reading and resources.

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The LRC at Palace Street

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