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Introduction

Welcome to the latest edition of the Livelihoods Resource Centre eBulletin. Over the last six months we hope you have found the content of the eBulletins useful and informative. We would like to know which parts of previous eBulletins have been interesting and would be particularly interested to hear your ideas for further reading and resources.

Themes so far....



The resurgence of agriculture for development, including a review of the [World Development Report 2008](#) and the [Second Donor Conference on Rural Development](#)

[Management Information Systems for Social Protection](#) in Kenya

[Land and land rights](#) for livelihoods, including a briefing on the DFID Land Reform Programme in Rwanda and other relevant resources

Conclusions from the Mid Term Review of the DFID [Small Scale Producers and Standards in Agrifoods Supply Chains](#) project

A summary review of the [Future Agricultures Consortium](#) by Professor Frank Ellis from ODG, with recommendations for how the second phase of this programme should go forward

A special edition on Agricultural Research for Development, including the [CGIAR](#) reform process

Plus links to [LRC updates](#), events, publications and training.

Please write to us at lrc@htspe.com with your comments and we will publish the best contributions, additional resources and suggestions next month. You can find [previous eBulletins](#) on the LRC website. In this issue we provide updates on some of the current work managed by the LRC.

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Food Security and Hunger

PLOW

The PLOW ([Professional Development for Livelihoods Advisers Website](#)) Food Security module is being updated and renamed Food Security and Hunger to reflect changing priorities. Included in the additional materials are debates on food sovereignty, biofuels vs

food and food prices and updated additional reading materials. It will be available online at the end of April.

Hunger and Health

[EarthScan](#) has published a new UN [World Food Programme](#) report '[Hunger and Health](#)' exploring the multiple relationships between hunger and poor health, and how they affect the growth of individuals, physiologically and psychologically, constraining the development of nations both socially and economically. Examining the profound effect that hunger has on health, including disease prevention and treatment, it gives special attention to access to quality food and healthcare, in particular for the marginalised and poor. By demonstrating how aligning of hunger and health interventions can offer proven solutions that reach those most in need, with compelling evidence that hunger and poor health are solvable problems today.

Climate Change Adaptation

The LRC is currently updating its climate change capability. This will demonstrate a range of knowledge, outlooks and experience that can be utilised to respond to climate change challenges that those already living in extreme poverty will face. Further details are available on request.

What's New?

The International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) Final Plenary

The [IAASTD](#), is a unique international effort to evaluate the relevance, quality and effectiveness of agricultural knowledge, science, and technology (AKST). The IAASTD was a three-year collaborative effort (2005 - 2007) that assessed AKST in relation to public and private sector policies and institutional arrangement, and meeting development and sustainability goals of:

- Reducing hunger and poverty
- Improving nutrition, health and rural livelihoods
- Facilitating social and environmental sustainability

The Final Report of IAASTD will be released on 15 April and its key points will feature in the May LRC eBulletin.

DFID Wins Two International Wildlife Film Awards 2008

The film launched by Gareth Thomas, DFID Minister, '[5x5 Voices of Change from the Forests of Indonesia](#)' has won two 2008 International Wildlife Film awards for 'Best Government Agency' and 'Best Cultural Message'.

The awards will be presented at the 31st International Wildlife Film Festival, "[The Changing Planet: A Global Evolution in Media & Conservation](#)", in May.

Reports and Papers

Aid Effectiveness in Agriculture

ODI have published a '[Natural Resources Perspective](#)' paper on aid effectiveness in agriculture in preparation for the next High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra in September 2008. The paper makes recommendations on how the Paris Declaration should be reviewed to make it applicable to the agriculture sector.

Agricultural Advisory Services and the Market

ODI have also published the findings of a survey carried out by [Neuchâtel Initiative](#) into promoting [market orientation in agricultural advisory services](#). It suggests that advisory services need to respond not just to farmers but the value chain as a whole and that not enough has been done to scale up lessons learnt from pilot market orientated services.

Rapid Emergency Shelter and Livelihoods Assessment

Report on the [livelihoods crisis in Kenya](#) in light of the recent post-election violence.

The Cata Story

Khanya-aicdd has published '[The Cata Story](#)'. It describes how poorer people's livelihoods have been improved in one of the poorest areas of South Africa through an integrated rural development process. What is significant is that this has been achieved using resources which were secured through the realisation of the rights of the Cata community to receive restitution for the loss of their land. It is a story about co-operation and fostering partnerships and deliberately adopting an integrated approach to development.

Events, Training and Calls

Livelihoods Based Planning for Disaster Risk Reduction (Training Course) This workshop, based at York University, Ontario Canada, looks at the application of the [Livelihoods approach to disaster risk reduction](#); 11th - 13th July.

Business Planning for Livelihood Promotion (Training Programme)

Based in Andhra Pradesh, India, this training programme emphasises [the importance of a business understanding to the application of the Sustainable Livelihoods approach](#). 23- 26 April 2008: deadline for registration 21st April 2008.

Aiding the Poorest

The University of Birmingham is hosting a conference on [Aiding the Poorest: Ten years on from the Birmingham G8: What's Been Achieved? What agenda for the G8 to 2018?](#) The focus of the conference will be debt relief. 16th - 17th May 2008- to register contact [Ann Bolstridge](#) or Tel: +44 (0)121 414 4967.

UK NERC/ DFID Call for Proposals: Ecosystems for Poverty Alleviation

The UK [Natural Environmental Research Council](#), [Economic and Social Research Council](#) and Department for International Development have issued a call under their Ecosystems Services for Poverty Alleviation Programme for projects aimed at strengthening research capacity in developing countries in this area. This call offers the opportunity to build networks and partnerships between research institutes in Southern and Northern locations to build capacity in anticipation of a five year research programme into the sustainable management of ecosystem services to provide poverty alleviation outcomes. Deadline for outline proposals is 30 May. For further info contact NERC at espa@nerc.ac.uk

Sierra Club announces \$100,000 "Green Energy and Green Livelihoods Award" for Outstanding Environmental Success in India

Effective grassroots non-governmental organisations deserve more credit for helping to promote positive societal change. The [Sierra Club](#) has created this award to encourage civil society involvement in the process of environmental protection.

The International Land Coalition - Vacancy- Director

The [International Land Coalition](#) (ILC) is an innovative global alliance of civil society and intergovernmental organisations working together to promote access to land for poor women and men through advocacy, dialogue and capacity building.

The ILC is seeking a forward-looking, results-oriented Director for its global secretariat, hosted in Rome by IFAD. Closing Date: 2 May 2008.

The LRC: The Bigger Picture & Contacts

The [Livelihoods Resource Centre](#) is managed by [HTSPE](#) in association with [IDS](#), [ODG](#) and [Coffey](#). The LRC provides services in two areas: specialised **commissioned services** for DFID Advisers and **core resources** posted on the website and eBulletin.

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