



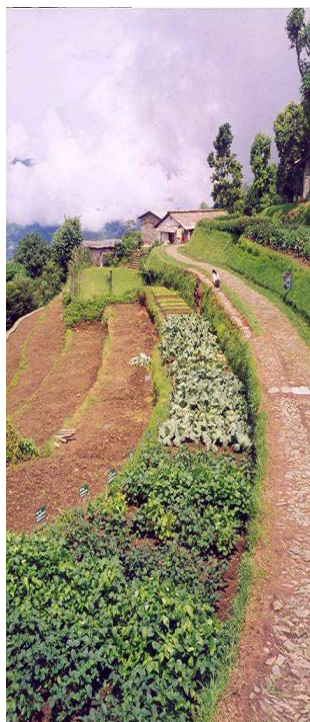
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Introduction

Welcome to the July edition of the LRC eBulletin. For the last six weeks the LRC has been focused on the joint Environment, Infrastructure and Livelihoods Retreat. Bringing together advisers from across the three cadres the retreat concentrated on the four pillars of DFID's [Making It Happen](#) policy: climate change, fragile states, multilateral effectiveness and growth. Two hundred delegates attended during the week to listen and learn from nearly 50 external experts. To help demonstrate some of the issues in practice three field trips were arranged to a [vegetable and flower packing plant](#) to discuss food miles; meet representatives of the [NFU](#) to hear firsthand the effects of biofuels and climate change and to a [nature reserve](#) to view resource management and habitat conservation. DFID Advisers are able to review all the presentations on [TeamSite](#).

The Livelihoods Resource Centre was responsible for all the logistical arrangements for the week as part of its [Professional Development](#) remit. We are also able to provide smaller, tailored activities such as guided reading weeks for DFID advisers and the [Professional Development for Livelihoods Advisers Website](#) (PLOW).

Earth and Life Sciences Alliance



The [ELSA](#) is an alliance between the [John Innes Centre](#) and the [University of East Anglia](#) to bring together multidisciplinary expertise on:

- biodiversity and adaptation to global environmental change
- agricultural transitions in the face of climate change
- elemental cycles that sustain life and the planet

The Alliance is focusing on the role played by plant sciences in shaping agriculture in the future, namely the potential to develop sustainable crop regimes and agricultural practices that complement the conservation agenda. Changes in agricultural practices and land-use, by definition, require accompanying policy decisions that influence global land-use. The aim of the Alliance is to ensure these changes take place in tandem, by helping to model the implications of changes to land-use and by ensuring suitable consultation and participation in the decision-making process.

What's New

Sustainable Tourism Stewardship Council

The United Nations announced in June its commitment to the creation of a [Sustainable Tourism Stewardship Council \(STSC\)](#) to help increase credibility around sustainable tourism certification programmes, and ultimately help protect the environment and the rights and livelihoods of local communities. The STSC will become the accreditation body that endorses sustainable tourism certification programmes and create the first set of comprehensive global requirements that such programmes will have to meet.

Global Development Marketplace Finalists

The World Bank Agriculture and Rural Development Department, in collaboration

with the Development Marketplace team, has announced the [100 finalists for the Global Development Marketplace 2008 competition](#) on the theme of Sustainable Agriculture for Development. The competition focuses on innovation around three sub-themes: linking farmers to markets, land access and tenure and agriculture as a provider of environmental services. These competition sub-themes stem from the recently published World Development Report (WDR) 2008.

Reports and Papers

Rural Infrastructure

What role can innovative strategies for infrastructure provision play in better meeting the needs of rural populations? The World Bank paper [Infrastructure for Improved Rural Livelihoods](#) considers the neglected area of rural infrastructure and how it can be developed through an approach that incorporates marginal groups. There is an emphasis on community involvement and capacity building with a case study on user communities and cooperatives in Bolivia.

Households and Conflict

'[A Micro-Level Perspective on the Causes and Duration of Warfare](#)' is a new report by the MicroCon programme at IDS that reviews the role of household income on conflict. Household poverty affects the onset, sustainability and duration of violent conflict due to the direct and indirect effects of violence on the economic behaviour and decisions of households in conflict areas. These effects lead to the emergence of symbiotic relationships between armed groups and households in areas they control that may sustain the conflict for a long time.

Natural Disasters and Natural Resources

Natural disasters damage and destroy the land, sea and forest resources vital to peoples' livelihoods. Where resource rights are clearly defined, equitable and verifiable, poor and marginalised communities are better equipped to survive disasters and recover after them. '[Natural Disasters and Resource Rights - Building resilience, rebuilding lives](#)' discusses the role of resource rights in pre-disaster resilience and post-disaster reconstruction.

Conferences and Vacancies

International Conference of Agricultural Economists

The 27th [International Conference of Agricultural Economists](#) will take place in Beijing between 16th and 22nd August 2008 under the theme 'the New Landscapes of Global Agriculture'. The Call for Papers and further information is available on [AAAE website](#).

Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods (Humanitarian Support Professionals - HSP) Oxfam

HSPs are a [pool of professionals](#) that ensure Oxfam has the management, technical and logistical capacity to establish a presence and to respond rapidly to major humanitarian emergencies anywhere in the world. The Emergency Food Security and Livelihoods team supports Oxfam GB's regional and country programmes to, prepare for, rapidly respond to, and recover from, major food crises.

The LRC: The Bigger Picture and Contacts

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