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Introduction

The Livelihoods Resource Centre has been running for over a year now and has successfully worked on assignments in agriculture, rural development, forestry, market value chains and climate change. Where possible we include all reports from completed assignments in the Thematic Areas section of our [website](#).

New from the LRC

The LRC is pleased to introduce Matt Roberts as the new Manager. Matt has been with HTSPE for three years as a project manager for EC Framework and DEFRA assignments. Matt will be replacing Ruth Sparrey who was with the LRC since 2007. We would like to thank Ruth for all her hard work.

Please email [Matt](#) if you would like to discuss the LRC assignments or if you have any feedback on the website or eBulletin

Food and Agriculture Resources

Agriculture remains a focal point for livelihoods development and the Institute of Development Studies has compiled a list of food and agriculture resources and events for the LRC website to help keep you abreast of developments in this field. These are currently included under latest news on the [LRC home page](#). If you have any further contributions please let us know.

Reports and Papers

The FAO has recently produced 'A Framework for Action: Investing in Sustainable Agricultural Intensification- The Role of Conservation Agriculture'. This is produced on the back of a Technical Workshop, held at FAO headquarters in Rome in July 2008, entitled: "Investing in Sustainable Crop Intensification: The Case for Improving Soil Health". The Workshop was attended by 96 stakeholders from 40 countries, representing governments and inter-governmental institutions, the private sector, research organizations, farmers and NGOs. More details of this workshop and conservation agriculture can be found [here](#)

The [Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit \(AREU\)](#) recently produced a paper on [Microcredit, Informal Credit and Rural Livelihoods: A Village Case Study in Bamyan Province](#). This paper considers how the entry of microcredit affects informal credit relations and livelihoods outcomes in a rural part of Afghanistan.

The Centre for Enterprise and Development (CDE) in South Africa has carried out extensive research on land reform and the impact on rural development. In their recent paper [Farmers' voices: practical perspectives on land reform and agricultural development](#) farmers speak frankly on land restitution, redistributive justice and sustainable agriculture in South Africa drawing upon the livelihoods perspectives of a mixture of farmers involved in small and large scale agriculture.

[Integrated Regional Information Networks \(IRIN\)](#) part of the [UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs](#) has produced an article [UGANDA: Lake Victoria degradation threatening livelihoods](#), looking at the loss of livelihoods due to the decline of fishing business in and around Kampala.

Events, Training and Vacancies

The [Livelihoods Network](#) has secured funding from the UK's Economic and Social Research Council ([ESRC](#)) for a seminar series bringing together academics, policy-makers and practitioners to explore the lessons learnt from a decade of theoretical development and practical application of **Sustainable Livelihoods Approaches**. The 1st seminar will be held at [IDS](#) on **13th October 2008**. Key speakers to include Robert Chambers and Ian Scoones from IDS,

and John Barrett and Jane Clark from DFID. To register, please email livelihoods-connect@ids.ac.uk

[The Measuring Effectiveness 2008 Conference](#) organised by World Vision and held in Melbourne, will concentrate on citizenship, participation and accountability. This will take place on 25-26 September 2008

The [3rd International Conference on Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change](#) in February 2009 will focus on the developments in climate change adaptation planning and practices. It will look at the variety of issues and concerns of different stakeholders and actors.

[4th World Congress on Conservation Agriculture](#) will be held in New Delhi, India from 4 to 7 February 2009. The Congress is being organised by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences. The sponsors of the Congress are FAO, IFAD, ICARDA, RWC, Indian Society of Soil Science and Indian Society of Agricultural Economics.

[GovNet Communications](#) produce a range of publications that aim to keep the reader abreast of what is going on within the Public Sector. Included in this is the quarterly SDUK, which focuses on Sustainable Development across Whitehall. For details of the most recent edition and information on how to subscribe, please click [here](#)

The [Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa](#) (AGRA) has started to produce a quarterly newsletter. The first edition is now available to [download](#) and they are actively seeking comment and input.

[TechTalk](#) has designed a service to provide desk based assistance to overseas Rural Development and Food Security projects, drawing on a network of technical experts from around the world. Full details of how this help can be sourced and the areas covered can be found [here](#)

Job Announcement:

The Horticulture and Livestock Programme (HLP) in Afghanistan is currently seeking a Horticulture Expert to provide technical direction and oversight. GTZ Afghanistan is the lead facilitating partner and anyone interested in applying can find further details [here](#).

The LRC: The Bigger Picture and Contacts

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

Contacts

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