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AGRICULTURE

Farmers' Views on the Future of Food and Small Scale Producers

Michel Pimbert, Khanh Tran-Thanh, Estelle Deléage, Magali Reinert, Christophe Trehet, Elizabeth Bennett (Editors)

The outcomes of an electronic conference on the 'Future of Food and Small Scale Producers' are presented in this report. The electronic discussion primarily involved indigenous, small and family farmers, landless and fisherfolk as well as their representative organisations. The focus was on small-scale food producers – women and men who produce and harvest field and tree crops as well as livestock, fish and other aquatic organisms. The E-Conference process was thus specifically designed to allow the excluded to voice their views, analysis and priorities on the future of food, farming, environment and human well being. Contributors were invited to describe the practice and underlying rationale of farmers and indigenous peoples' alternatives to the modernization and industrialization of food, agriculture and land/water use. The views and analysis of small scale producers that are summarised in this report offer a deeper understanding of alternative movements in rural and urban areas. Contributors explain why keeping farmers and indigenous peoples on their land is of fundamental importance for the well being of society and nature throughout the world.

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L'Avenir de l'alimentation et des petits producteurs

Michel Pimbert, Khanh Tran-Thanh, Estelle Deléage, Magali Reinert, Christophe Trehet, Elizabeth Bennett (Editeurs)

Ce rapport présente les résultats d'une conférence électronique sur "l'Avenir de l'alimentation et les petits producteurs". Cette discussion virtuelle avait pour objectif premier d'impliquer les paysans indigènes et les petits agriculteurs familiaux, ainsi que les paysans sans-terre et les pêcheurs, tout comme leurs organisations représentatives. Il s'agissait de mettre l'accent sur les petits producteurs alimentaires – les femmes et les hommes qui produisent et cultivent des ressources agricoles et arboricoles, ainsi que sur les éleveurs de bétail, de poissons et d'autres organismes aquatiques. La conférence électronique a donc été conçue spécifiquement dans l'optique de permettre aux populations exclues d'exprimer leur point de vue, leur analyse de la situation et les priorités liées à l'avenir de l'alimentation, l'agriculture, l'environnement et le bien-être humain. Il était demandé aux participants de décrire les alternatives que "les pratiques et le savoir-faire des agriculteurs et des peuples indigènes" offrent à la modernisation et l'industrialisation du secteur de la production alimentaire, de l'agriculture et de l'utilisation des terres et de l'eau.

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Visión de los Agricultores sobre el Futuro del Alimento y de los Productores de Pequeña Escala

Michel Pimbert, Khanh Tran-Thanh, Estelle Deléage, Magali Reinert, Christophe Trehet, Elizabeth Bennett (Editores)

En este informe se presentan los resultados de una conferencia electrónica sobre 'El Futuro del Alimento y de los Productores de Pequeña Escala'. La discusión electrónica involucró principalmente a indígenas, agricultores pequeños y familiares, personas sin tierra y pescadores artesanales así como a sus organizaciones representantes. El foco fueron los productores de alimentos de pequeña escala – hombres y mujeres que producen y recolectan las cosechas del campo y del monte, así como también producen

ganado, pescado y otros organismos acuáticos. Luego, el proceso de la conferencia electrónica fue específicamente diseñado para permitir que los excluidos pudieran expresar sus opiniones, análisis y prioridades sobre el futuro del alimento, agricultura, medio ambiente y bienestar humano. Los colaboradores fueron invitados a describir la práctica y la racionalidad tras las alternativas que tienen los agricultores y personas indígenas frente a la modernización e industrialización del alimento, agricultura y uso de tierra/agua.

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CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Corporate Social Responsibility at a Crossroads: Futures for CSR in the UK to 2015

Halina Ward, Craig Smith

The UK is widely considered to be a leader in the field of corporate social responsibility (CSR); home to some of the world's leading thinkers, practitioners and campaigners in the field. Despite this, there are few opportunities for collective strategic thinking about CSR across stakeholder groups. Corporate Social Responsibility at a Crossroads was designed to help to fill that gap. It was a process of analysis and stakeholder engagement to build scenarios for the future of CSR in the UK to 2015. The aim was to facilitate a dialogue across informed stakeholders in the UK; to provide an accessible map of the territory; and to set out some plausible scenarios for the future shape of the CSR agenda in the UK. This report records that analysis and the ideas that emerged from the process.

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FORESTRY

Development from diversity: Guyana's forest-based associations

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Sharon Ousman, Grace Roberts, Duncan Macqueen

This study looks at the many forest-based associations in Guayana that are attempting to use forest-based products and services, and are concerned about sustainability. Opportunities to support such associations exist, but they are specific in nature. In most cases, details of these opportunities are known only by association members or a few trusted intermediaries. Lesson about what types of association work and why, lead on to conclusions about how to give appropriate support.

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Emerging forest associations in Yunnan, China: Implications for livelihoods and sustainability

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Horst Weyerhaeuser, Shao Wen, Friedrich Kahrl

Yunnan is one of China's poorest and least urbanized provinces, with 73 of its 129 counties below the poverty line. With the largest total area of collectively-owned forest among China's 31 provinces, forestry development continues to play an important role in Yunnan's rural economic development. This report assesses the competitive challenges that small and medium forest enterprises (SMFEs) face in response to China's huge rural to urban demographic transition, growth in trade and increasing environmental concerns. It describes the evolution of some of the emerging associations that will help SMFEs cope, such as the Yunnan Provincial Forest Products Industry Association. The reorientation of this association into a more independent industry body could provide a new model for SMFE coordination around Kunming. But in less industrial areas of Yunnan, the development of SMFE associations is likely to require greater catalytic support at the village level.

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Forest-based Associations in India: an overview

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Sharmistha Bose, Pankaj Lal, Praveen Shashi Pareek, Manish Verma, Sushil Saigal

Small and medium forest enterprises in India face a number of challenges including increasing global competition, shortages of raw materials and consequent policy restrictions. Associations have formed to address emerging policy constraints, cut costs and develop new markets. Many new products and technologies have emerged as a result. This study highlights some of the main issues facing 25 forest-based association from north, central and west India. It highlights why they formed and how they have evolved over time to address new policy and market challenges. Considering the large membership base of these associations, the report argues that appropriate support to them is a useful development strategy.

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LAND

Land Registration in Nampula and Zambezia provinces, Mozambique

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Arlindo Chilundo, Boaventura Cau, Marlino Mubai, Denise Malauene (and) Vitor Muchanga

Land Registration in Nampula and Zambezia provinces in Mozambique assesses the process of rural land registration in Mozambique and the outcomes for poor and marginalised groups. The research shows that community land registration, under the 1997 land law, can strengthen community rights to use and benefit from their land in relation to outsider interests in land. However, intra-community and intra-household land rights are not addressed, since it is only community land boundaries which are registered. The relatively centralised and complex registration procedures means that smallholder farmers are heavily dependent on NGOs to facilitate the process, which raises issues of continuity and sustainability. Individual registration of land is possible too, but is mainly taken up by private investors and companies. There are some serious shortcomings in this process: community consultations, required by law, are often inadequate and there is little supervision to ensure that compulsory land development plans produced by investors are implemented in practice. These issues will need to be tackled in order for rural land registration to be really pro-poor in practice.

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MINING

Architecture for Change: An Account of the Mining, Minerals and Sustainable Development Project History

Luke Danielson and Caroline Digby

This new report is the output of the MMSD History Project, which was directed by the Global Public Policy Institute <http://www.globalpublicpolicy.net>. The project aimed to capture the experiences of several key figures who led the MMSD Project. The idea was to secure their personal recollections of how the MMSD process was launched and how it progressed through its more than two years of existence. The exercise provided former key staffers of the MMSD Project with an opportunity to present their subjective history of the key challenges they encountered in the MMSD Project and how these problems were resolved.

The report, authored by Luke Danielson, former MMSD Project Director, and Caroline Digby, former MMSD Research Director, is a behind-the-scenes look at not only the MMSD project, but also the trials, tribulations and outcome of a research process in general.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Making decentralisation work for sustainable natural resource management in the Sahel: Lessons from a programme of action-research, policy debate and citizen empowerment

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Decentralisation offers real opportunities for local people to have a say in the decisions that affect their everyday lives. It is introducing a radical new agenda involving civil society and the private sector in areas traditionally controlled by central State authorities promising greater efficiency in the delivery of appropriate services tailored to local needs, local democracy and better management of natural resources. Together, these benefits are expected to contribute significantly to poverty reduction through better representation of the poor and improved targeting of service delivery. But will these opportunities be realised? IIED, together with a range of in-country partners, is striving to create the core conditions to make decentralisation work in the Sahel. This publication documents the main findings of the first phase of work.

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Réussir la décentralisation pour une gestion durable des ressources naturelles au Sahel: Bilan des acquis d'un programme de recherche-action, de débats d'orientation et d'habilitation des citoyens

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Encourager les processus locaux et nationaux pour qu'ils appuient la bonne gouvernance des ressources naturelles et autres est une entreprise complexe qui s'inscrit dans la durée et qui exige une approche méthodique afin de créer l'ossature et les conditions requises pour un développement durable et équitable et la réduction de la pauvreté au Sahel. Au cœur de ce processus réside un engagement total et actif des citoyens vis-à-vis des réformes en cours et c'est ce qui a été l'axe pivot de la première phase du programme Réussir La Décentralisation. Les activités se sont centrées sur trois domaines thématiques interconnectés : habiliter les populations locales pour qu'elles comprennent les enjeux de la décentralisation et jouent un rôle plus informé et plus efficace dans les processus locaux de prise de décisions qui affectent leurs vies: consolider les institutions participatives au niveau local en renforçant leur capacité à répondre aux priorités et aux besoins locaux; veiller à ce que les pratiques informent les politiques par le biais d'une recherche-action en collaboration et des activités de réseau aux niveaux local, national et régional. Cette publication documente les principaux résultats de la première phase de travail.

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POLICY

Ambivalence and contradiction: A review of the policy environment in Tanzania in relation to pastoralism

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A Z Mattee, M Shem

Tanzania is undergoing a rapid pace of policy change and reform, which will affect different communities in different ways. This reflects the difficulty accommodating the huge diversity of Tanzania's environment and natural resources, and the varied livelihoods of its citizens. Some of the institutional reforms will have serious repercussions on pastoral and agro-pastoral livelihoods, the good management of the environment and peaceful co-existence among communities. The rapid pace of change has also prevented many citizens from participating in and shaping the policy options and directions being proposed by government. As a result, many communities have been left behind, particularly rural people, and in particular the pastoral and agro-pastoral communities. This report is an edited version of a study reviewing existing and planned

policies and laws on pastoralism and analysing how they actually impact, or are likely to impact, on pastoral and agro-pastoral livelihoods.

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Changes in Land Access, Institutions and Markets in West Africa

Jean-Pierre Chauveau, Jean-Philippe Colin, Jean-Pierre Jacob, Philippe Lavigne Delville, Pierre-Yves Le Meur

Developing effective land policies in West Africa requires a thorough understanding of the issues involved and of the changes taking place on the ground. How are mechanisms to gain access to land and to natural resources evolving? Are land rights becoming more individualised and "commodified"? These are just some of the questions discussed in this publication. A summary document of the CLAIMS research project "Changes in Land Access, Institutions and Markets in West Africa" coordinated by IIED.

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