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www.managing4impact.com

Strengthening Management for Impact

The Electronic Resource Information & Learning Center (ERIL) website is hosted by the Regional Programme on Strengthening Management for Impact (SMIP) in eastern and southern Africa.

ERIL aims to facilitate and promote a culture amongst stakeholders of pro-poor initiatives of sharing and utilising information and knowledge in order to better manage towards impact.

The Regional Programme on Strengthening Managing for Impact (SMIP) aims to strengthen the capacity of stakeholders and actors involved in pro-poor interventions to effectively manage for impact.

The website includes links to forthcoming training events, related online resources, and information on how to subscribe to the *Managing for Impact* email newsletter. A number of resources on ERIL are accessible only to registered users.

www.rcpla.org

Resource Centres for Participatory Learning and Action

RCPLA is a global network established in 1997. Its aim is to bring together a diverse, international network of development practitioners to strengthen impact on processes of social change. The RCPLA website was relaunched in 2008, and includes recent case studies about participatory development processes in practice from network members. It also includes a new e-forum, as well as some free-to-download online publications.

www.steps-centre.org

The STEPS Centre

The STEPS Centre is a new interdisciplinary global research and policy engagement hub, funded by the

Economic and Social Research Council. It aims to develop a new approach to understanding, action and communication on sustainability and development. STEPS is based at the Institute of Development Studies and SPRU Science and Technology Policy Research in the UK, with partners in China, India, Kenya and Argentina. The website includes news features and information on ongoing research and projects at the STEPS Centre. These are categorised by STEPS Domains – agriculture, water, and health – and Themes – dynamics, governance, and designs. There are working papers, policy briefs and links to other relevant publications, as well as *The Crossing*, the STEPS Centre blog. In addition, you can sign up to STEPS Direct, and receive media, research and policy briefings, news and notification when new CDs containing STEPS news and information are available, providing accessible information for those with poor Internet connections.

<http://opentraining.unesco-ci.org>

The Open Training Platform

The Open Training Platform (OTP) is a UNESCO initiative to facilitate access to training materials and resources developed by development stakeholders at a global level. The objective is to make training and capacity building resources openly available to local communities and development stakeholders at grassroots level in order to foster local development. It includes over 2700 training resources in more than 280 categories, such as adult literacy, gender issues, media and communication, environment, legal issues, and development aid.

This website is aimed at trainers, educators (teachers, students, and researchers), decision makers and

policy makers, entrepreneurs, farmers, scientists, media people, librarians, archivists and information specialists, cultural actors, health specialists, environmental specialists, development and social workers, and civil servants. Training resources have been contributed by a wide network including UN agencies and partners, development practitioners, development agencies, NGOs and CBOs, and others.

To contribute, users need to register before submitting material. You can also register for an alert system for new material and provide critical comments and ideas for the improvement of the platform. There are also plans for an interest-based forum. Users can also request training resources on CD-ROM, which are distributed locally.

www.project.empowers.info

EMPOWERS: Euro-Med Participatory Water Resources Scenarios

EMPOWERS is a regional partnership of fifteen organisations allied together to improve long-term access to water by local communities. It aims to do so by advocating stakeholder-led activities to empower local people in integrated water resources management and development. The EMPOWERS project (2003–2007) was mainly funded through the European Union's Regional MEDA Water Programme for Local Water Management and was implemented in Egypt, Jordan, and Palestine. The website includes a host of online resources, including guidelines to water governance; a guide to process documentation; storybook case studies; principles and recommendations; a training manual; working and conference papers; progress reports; and information about participatory approaches.