

Danish Development Research Network

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Board candidate:

Mogens Buch-Hansen

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Professional life in teaching, research, consultancies, implementation of development projects and writings has specialised in development problems with particular emphasis on socio-economic and institutional aspects of environmental and agricultural development. The research has focussed on small scale farmers and local level development, including use of participatory research methodologies, involving all stakeholders as well as analysed the development concept as a comprehensive process from the local to the global level.

Combination of university research and teaching with numerous short term consultancies and three long term assignments working for the Government of Kenya, the Government of Bhutan and ICRAF respectively. I was one of the founding fathers in establishing the International Development Studies at Roskilde University in the mid-1980s. Since 1996 I have been involved in establishing and managing the university consortium partnership between universities in Denmark, Thailand, Malaysia and southern Africa on Sustainable Land Use and Natural Resource Management (SLUSE). Through the programme new curricula have established at the involved universities as well as the programme has sought to provide the necessary knowledge foundation for implementing the curricula and for policy interventions in land use and natural resource management. The SLUSE programme has been supplemented by a research project, focussing on the changing conditions for natural resource management in Thailand under the era of globalisation, funded by the Danish Council for Economic and Social Research.

Countries of working experience: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Lesotho, Ivory Coast, Bhutan, Thailand, Laos PDR, Nepal, Philippines.

Motivation for seeking election at the DDRN Board.

I have throughout my professional career shifted between research and teaching at Roskilde University and practical implementation of development projects both as long term senior advisor to Danida in Kenya and Bhutan as well as conducting numerous short term consultancies. I, therefore, have a natural interest in bridging between research, development policy and practical implementation of development projects as well as enhancing Denmark's position in international development research, being one of the aims of DDRN. Furthermore, I'm a strong proponent of interdisciplinary approaches to agricultural, rural development and natural resources management in a development context, where I believe we at Roskilde University can contribute to the work of DDRN.