

Bringing together

knowledge and development



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Danish
Development
Research
Network

DDRN General Assembly 2010

Progress 2009/10

Presentation outline:

1. DDRN in brief: context and objectives
2. Highlights of achievements and challenges in core areas of activities
3. Looking ahead



Facts and figures DDRN

- In 2006 three became one (DDRN)
- Sectors covered: Environment, agriculture and governance/business development
- Focal themes since 2008: Climate change; Food security; and Research Communication
- Size and composition: 2000 members (multiple groups, individuals/institutions, 40% of members from South)
- Budget of DKK 4 m/year



Objectives

DDRN aims at

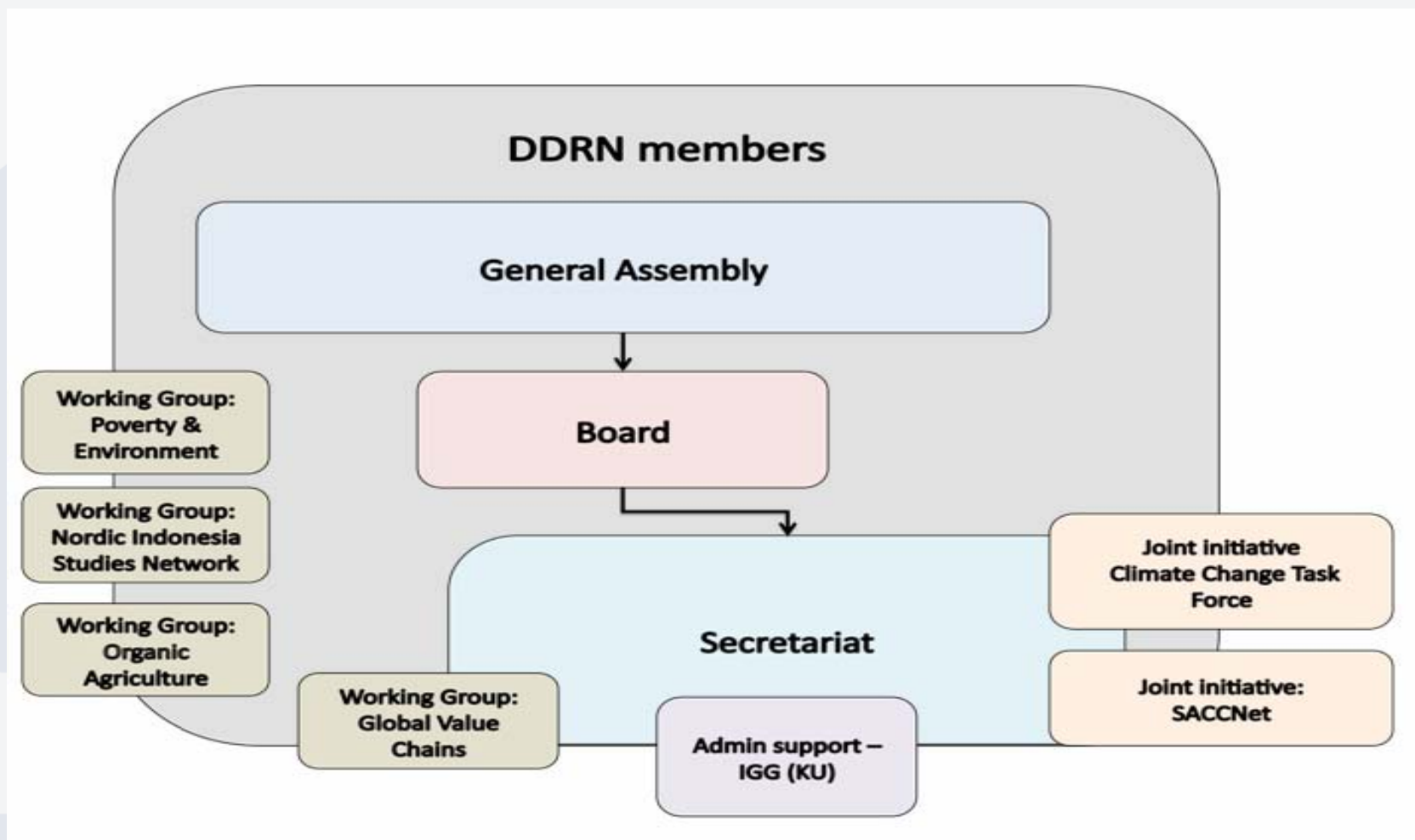
- Increased use of research based knowledge in development

DDRN operates to promote

- Production and communication of dev relevant research results and needs
- Knowledge exchange and collaboration across institutions, disciplines and stakeholder groups



DDRN organizational structure



Achievements and progress

Linking research and development

- Research communication activities/workshops in TZ and VN have **strengthened links** with Danish embassies
- NEW type of **mappings & guidelines**
 - Research project management guidelines
 - Internationalisation of HE & R (Scandinavia and Southern Africa)
- Inputs to policy and **programme development** in Africa
 - RUFORUM strategic plan
 - UniBRAIN
 - European-Africa (PAEPARD)



Challenges

Linking research and development

- Ensure uniform quality of mappings and guidelines
- Measuring the use and impact of communication, and products
- Updating of mappings and competence profiles



Achievements and progress

Knowledge and experience sharing

DDRN small funding **facility** for members

- Catalytic role in fostering cooperation
- Opportunities for sharing on key dev. issues

Continued development of **working groups** as a dynamic tool enhancing cooperation and sparring

- Providing spaces for cooperation on agreed activities
- Input to Danida (Climate Change Task Force and Global Value Chain Group)

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Achievements and progress

Knowledge and experience sharing

Enhanced efforts to reach younger segment of Danish resource base

- In the pipeline: '**Science Shop**' to facilitate direct links between students and dev. professionals
- **4 inspiration seminars** to inform students about potential opportunities for future dev. professionals
- **53** MSc students (27 women/26 men) awarded **travel grants** and opportunities for 'hands on experiences'

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Achievements and progress

Knowledge and experience sharing

Research communication skills enhancement

- ✓ 2 w/shops (VN and TZ) for 80 participants
- ✓ Strengthened links to communication units in DK

Member database, website and news services

- ✓ Visits increased 11%
- ✓ Registered members increased 35%
- ✓ Improved online registration procedure resulting in increase in profiles of 63%
- ✓ 84 newsletters and 16 news mails

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Challenges

Knowledge and experience sharing

- Ensure good quality of member applications
- Applications for innovative activities are few
- Research communication still a new concept and not given high priority by researchers



Achievements and progress

Enhancing partnerships

NEW collaborating partners in DK and Europe

- NGO Forum and NGO Education network (DK)
- PegNET (German sister network)
- Support to collaboration of Nordic 'FAU' associations
- Strengthened collaboration with and outreach to key orgs. and experts in research communication

NEW partners in South

- MOST (research communication)



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Achievements and progress

Enhancing partnerships

Enhanced collaboration with Africa

- Contact point for UniBRAIN's and FARA's in DK
- DDRN full member of SANORD DDRN
- DDRN participation in RUFORUM International Advisory Committee
- DDRN member of preparatory committee for Ministerial meeting on higher education in Africa (Nov 2010)

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Challenges

Enhancing partnerships

- Establishing a dialogue with the DU platforms
- Extending partnerships at European and African levels beyond ARD and research communication
- SACCNET ownership and management



Final accounts 1st grant period for 2007 - 2009

	<i>Salaries</i>	<i>Travel</i>	<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Total excl OH</i>
Total budget	5.454.005	925.000	1.312.500	235.000	7.926.505
Expenses 2007-08	3.381.466	519.373	515.956	85.941	4.502.736
Expenses 2009	930.170	560.637	1.066.158	23.482	2.580.447
Total expenses	4.311.636	1.080.010	1.582.114	109.423	7.083.183
Balance	1.142.369	(155.010)	(269.614)	125.577	843.322
Consumption pct. of budget	79	117	121	47	89

Accounts 2nd grant period for July 2009 - May 2010

	<i>Salaries</i>	<i>Travel</i>	<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Subcontr.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total budget	3.953.120	580.000	2.218.000	240.000	6.991.120
Expenses 2009	975.000	103.252	269.733	-	1.347.985
Expenses 2010	731.884	73.982	132.072	100.000	1.037.649
Total expenses	1.706.884	177.234	401.805	100.000	2.385.923
Balance	2.246.236	402.766	1.816.195	140.000	4.605.197
Consumption pct. of budget	43	31	18	42	34

**Thank you for
your attention!**

