

Bringing together

knowledge and development



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Research
Network

Background to DDRN work plan for 2009 - 2010

- A network is not a project, or?
- Discussions about future DDRN in 08/09
- Results of discussions
 - Strategy development (overall and communication)
 - Suggested changes and adjustments paper Sep 08
 - Application for phase II submitted in Nov 09



Guiding principles for DRN 2009 and beyond (1)

***Focus on approaches & activities that
optimise the use of core strengths of
network***

- Broad coverage of resource base
- Flexibility
- Effective info & communication system
- Knowledge sharing & continuous learning from experiences



Guiding principles for DDRN 2009 and beyond (2)

Complementarities and member leadership key...

- Responsiveness to member's needs and engagement
- Utilisation of complementarities and synergies
- Enhance and add value to cross-institutional strategic collaboration
- Promotion of multi-disciplinarity
- Transparency and openness



Coverage and focus in 2009 - and beyond

Regions and countries

- continued focus on *Africa and*
- countries/regions in which members have expertise and interest

Focal themes

- Climate change, food security and research communication
- New themes arising



Types of activities and roles (1)

Network development, member leadership and ownership

- Support to member-led initiatives working groups, platforms etc.
- Facilitate and support unifying events
- Support active engagement of all whole DK resource base in relevant activities where DDRN can play role
- Enhance students' opportunities to gain experience from field work in developing countries and exposure to development issues .

Community builders
organising unifying
events



Types of activities and roles (2)

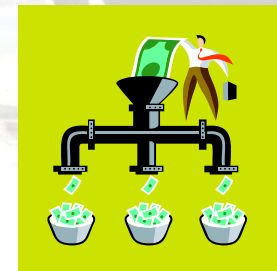
Platforms and partnerships N-N and N-S

- Link to institutions & umbrella organisations to promote more effective partnering and communication
- Facilitate members' contacts & representation in relevant networks and events
- Provide info about locally South-led processes & priorities, research policies & strategies, incl. EU policies
- Present DK research and knowledge community and in developing countries and EU/Scandinavia

Convenors



Providers



Types of activities and roles (3)

Research communication and knowledge exchange

- Explore new forms of research communication
- Involve DDRN members in production of briefs
- Link up to communication activities of DK unis
- Production of research overviews
- Link up to international intermediaries to coordinate efforts/improve DDRN
- Developing simple tools to facilitate interaction on website
- Offering a broad data base with members' profiles and regular newsletters

Filters



Facilitators/ learners



Members' top 4 expectations to DDRN

1. Information

2. Contacts N-S/S/N

3. Influence policy

4. other



Extracts of 2009 action plan DDRN communication strategy

Activity	Maj	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
New website?								
New themes on website								
New categories on website								
Make profiles visible								
Make projects visible								
More links 'sister organisations'								
Emails rel. South stakeholders								
Introduction package' for South								
CD and poster for South members								
Enter available basic data								
More info funding sources								
Info and comm. Guidelines								
Simpler newsletter format								
Est. Member to member section								
Better monitoring web tools								
Link up other web tools / media								
Announcements member updates								
Thematic briefs (list of activities continue (AS)).....								



Operational modalities

- Offices at IGG
- Staffing no change
- Development of new annual work plan after formal grant letter from Danida



Thanks!

