

Bringing together

knowledge and development



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Network

Background to DDRN work plan for 2010/11

- Rolling plan last updated April 2010 (annexed to Progress Report)
- Preparing for change after mid 2011
- Ongoing discussions with DU platforms on
 - How to integrate DDRN/networks in DU platforms (meeting in May/June 2010)
 - How to transfer DDRN competences



2010/11: Guiding principles

Priority given to approaches & activities that optimise the use of core strengths of Network

- Flexibility in implementation allowing for adjustment to changes in policy and research environments
- Documenting the added value of DDRN in networking, communication, knowledge sharing and brokerage
- Continued focus on cross-cutting, contextual themes: Climate, food security and research communication

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2010/11: Guiding principles

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- Strengthening existing partnerships and links
- Promotion of multi-disciplinarity
- Responsiveness to members' and users' needs and engagement
- Transparency and openness

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Activities and roles

Linking research and development

- New overview of modalities for HE&R cooperation with DU
- Mapping of donor support to HE within ARD in Africa with Danida in connection with European donor meeting
- Visits from South to DK (UniBRAIN a.o.)
- Supporting coordination and collaboration on Dev research in Scandinavia, and ARD in EU
- Input to the operationalisation of new DK Strategy on Development?



Activities and roles

Knowledge and experience sharing - members' needs and member leadership...

- 3 calls for member-led activities in 2010
- W/shops and conferences in DK and South, e.g. Education Research (May10), Climate (Sep10), Higher Education (Nov10), Research Communication a.o.
- Member base, website and news services improvements
- New activities for younger segment

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Activities and roles

Enhancing partnerships

- Existing partnerships in DK, Europe and Africa nurtured and continued through joint activities and knowledge sharing
- Danish universities: dialogue about integration, joint planning and activities
- Partnering with thematic DU platforms may lead to new activities and adjustments of work plan

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The value of DDRN to South Members?

Supportive approaches and methods

- Truly North-South approach of DDRN appreciated, e.g. mapping of challenges in int. collaboration from South perspective
- Multilateral, interdisciplinary collaboration
- Focus on contextual themes linked to current discourses enables novice researchers and different groups to participate and benefit

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The value of DDRN to South Members?

Brokerage and information access -

Assistance to getting a foothold in Europe

- First with information – sometimes also before initiation of projects
- Instrumental in match-making and contacts
- Contribution to better understanding of European cooperation and engagement in Africa among Southern partners

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The value of DDRN to South Members?

Research communication

- Professional, user friendly and targeted info system useful to researchers and others
- Research communication skills enhancement
- Useful tools, guidelines, references and briefs
- Links to research communication experts and resources in Europe
- Sparring partner on research communication

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Key Challenge for DDRN in 2010/11

- The continued fulfilment of the top three expectations of all members (DK and South): information, contacts and policy influence
- At the same time as DDRN is moving towards integration in DU structure
- What do we do about our South members and those member groups who do not fit into the new structure?
- How to ensure the continuation/transfer of DDRN key competences and networking functions



Thanks!

