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List of acronyms and abbreviations

AAU	University of Aalborg
AU	University of Aarhus
CBS	Copenhagen Business School
	Centre de cooperation internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement
CIRAD	
DANIDA	Danish Institute for Development Aid
DDDs	Danida Development Days
DDRN	Danish Development Research Network
DFC	Danida Fellowship Centre
DFID	UK Department For International Development
DGG	Department of Geography and Geology
DIAS	Danish Institute of Agricultural Sciences
DIIS	Danish Institute for International Studies
DTU	Technical University of Denmark
DWF	Danish Water Forum
EADI	European Association of Development Institutions
EFARD	European Forum for Agricultural Research for Development
ENRECA	Enhancement of Research Capacity in Developing Countries
ERA-ARD	European Research Area – Agricultural Research for Development
EU	European Union
EUFORIC	Europe's Forum on International Cooperation
FARA	Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa
FAU	The Association of Development Researchers in Denmark
FFU	Consultative Research Committee for Development Research
FP7	Framework Programme
FSTP	The Food Security Thematic Programme
GVC	Global Value Chains, Business and Development
HUM	Office for Humanitarian Assistance
IARU	International Alliance of Research Universities
IDS	Institute of Development Studies
IEEI	Industry, Environment, Energy and Infrastructure
IITA	international non-profit R4D organization
KU	University of Copenhagen
LDC	Less Developed Countries
MFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
NAA	Nordic Agricultural Academy
	Network of European Agricultural (Tropically and Sub-tropically oriented) Universities and Scientific Complexes Related with Agricultural Development
NATURA	
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NRM	Natural Resource Management
ODI	Overseas Development Institute (England)
PAEPARD	Platform for African-European Partnership on Agricultural Research
RED	Rural Economic Development
RUC	University of Roskilde
RUFORUM	Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SANORD Conference	Southern African Nordic Conference
	Southern African Research Network for Urban Environmental Management
SARUEM	
SLU	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
TAS	Technical Advisory Service
UEM	Urban Environmental Management
UK	United Kingdom
VTU	Ministry for Science, Technology and Development
WB	World Bank
WBI	World Bank Institute

0. Introduction

This report covers the implementation of the activities carried out in the Danish Development Research Network (DDRN) during the period January 2008 – May 2009. In the following sections of this report, progress is assessed *vis-à-vis* the objectives and targets set for 2008 and first half of 2009. Emphasis will be put on highlighting achievements and challenges. Targets and indicators at output level for 2008 and the first half of 2009 are indicated in the Logical Framework Analysis Matrixes (Annexes 1 and 2).

1. Dissemination and exchange of information between development and research community (DDRN objective 1)

Thematic overviews, competence mappings and briefs

Targets 2008: 3 overviews, 2 competence mappings, 3 briefs

Target in 2009 (first half): 1 overview

Accomplished 2008: 4 overviews, 2 competence mappings, 0 briefs

Accomplished in 2009 (Jan- May): 2 overviews

Overviews and mappings aim at facilitating the access of policy-makers and other relevant actors within a specific thematic area/sector to Danish knowledge and expertise related to specific themes or topics. Furthermore, it is envisioned that such mappings will be a useful tool in identifying partners and supporting the development of future joint research proposals.

During 2008 the following overviews, of which two included competence profiles, were produced:

- **Rural Economic Development (RED).** The report was presented at the DDRN/Danida conference on RED in Copenhagen 8-9 April 2008. The report is available on [http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/Final_Report_Overview_research_on_RED\(2\).pdf](http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/Final_Report_Overview_research_on_RED(2).pdf)
- **Global Value Chains, Business and Development.** This overview was commissioned in occasion of the DDRN conference on Global Value Chain, Business and Development that was held on December 9, 2008. As an input to the conference, DDRN decided to elaborate a mapping of Danish 1) research competences and 2) ongoing and recently finished research projects within Global Value Chains (GVC) related to development countries from the perspectives of business and development. The report is available at the website on: http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/DDRN_Overview_paper_FINAL_9_january.pdf
- **Climate change in developing countries.** The three research networks: DDRN, DWF and ENRECA- Health, within the framework of the collaboration platform 'Climate Task Force', carried out an overview of Danish competences and research projects with regard to climate change and its implications for developing countries. The overview was presented under the workshop on Climate Change at Danida Development Days on 11 June 2008 and is available at http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/Overview_of_Danish_research_competences_and_research_projects_final.pdf
- **Documentation of Research on Climate Change and Food Security in Southern Africa.** This overview is one out of three overviews commissioned by the Danish knowledge networks. The other two are focusing on climate change and water (carried out by DWF) and climate change and health (carried by DBL/ENRECA-Heath). The report of the climate change and food security in SADC review is available at: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=170

During January-May 2009 overviews on the following themes were commissioned and will be finalised in May -June 2009:

- **Project management in research capacity building projects/ENRECA** conducted by Carsten Nico Hjortsø, DDRN member and associate professor at Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen.
- **Strategic Collaboration on Higher Education and Research for Development in selected European Countries** conducted by Oxford Consult.
The draft reports of the consultancies were received in May 2009. The findings of the two studies will be presented at the DDRN conference on strategic collaboration on Higher Education and Research for Development to be held in Aarhus 25-26 May 2009.

Research policy briefs are an activity which the three Danish knowledge networks are trying to develop jointly. DDRN participated in a seminar organised by The ENRECA-Health network held in 6 March 2008 on "How to Develop Research-based Policy Briefs". Subsequent discussions demonstrated that there are many unanswered questions in relation to both format and use of policy briefs. It was proposed that ENRECA-Health use the input from the March workshop to produce guidelines for production of Policy Briefs. DDRN hope to gain from the first experiences of ENRECA-Health with developing briefs and has put the production of DDRN briefs on halt till second half of 2009.

Briefing of development staff and visits to the South

<p>Targets in 2008 and first half of 2009: 50-100 development staff and 5 visits to the South</p> <p>Accomplished: More than 300 individuals briefed and 5 visits</p>

Advisers and programme personnel

Introductions to DDRN were made at various dialogue meetings and topical seminars organised by MFA, e.g. *meeting on elaboration of the Danish strategy on Democratisation and Rule of Law (February 2008)* and a *seminar for environment advisors (10-12 December 2008)*.

In August 2008 DDRN was *visited by a group of 19 Development staff working in Agricultural development programmes in Danida programme countries* in connection with their participation in a Farmer Managed Advisory Course, organised by Nordic Agricultural Academy (NAA) in Odense. The secretariat briefed them about DDRN activities and resources of relevance to their work. The participants were also introduced to a toolkit for conducting action research in value chains produced by a group of researchers including DDRN members. The group found the programme organised by DDRN very relevant.

A dialogue meeting between the three Danish knowledge networks and the project managers of the *research collaboration pilot projects with Vietnam and Tanzania* was held on 10 October 2008 at University of Copenhagen. The three networks were briefly introduced to the participants followed by discussion of possible areas of collaboration between the projects and the networks. Decisions and next steps agreed in the meeting included: 1) network assistance to holding and facilitating 1) one workshop in Vietnam and another one in Tanzania on research communication to be held in the first half of 2009; 2) an experience sharing workshop for the three climate projects (two projects in Vietnam and one project in Tanzania) to be held after one year of implementation in Vietnam, Tanzania or Denmark; and 3) a workshop for the project in Tanzania on food technologies with the objective of getting inspiration and leaning from the experiences of similar projects during the initial phase of project implementation. DDRN will be responsible for following up on these activities and consult with the water network and the Danish project collaborators when in place and after the revised project budgets and plans have been approved by Danida.

During the IARU conference on climate change in Copenhagen on March 10-12, 2009, a *follow-*

up meeting were held with representatives from the FFU funded pilot research projects in Tanzania and Vietnam and it was agreed to organise the two communication workshops in the second half of 2009. The workshop in Vietnam will take place 22-26 September 2009. No dates have been set for the workshop in Tanzania. Planning is ongoing.

Danida offices: During 2008 the secretariat has contacted all Heads of Department (HoD) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (except from TAS) to inform them about DDRN and the possibilities of cooperation with and assistance by the network and to strengthen the network's contact to Danida. The meetings provided a good opportunity to learn more about the tasks of the different departments. HUM was interested in contributions from researchers to the strategy for support to civil society and information about resource persons working within humanitarian assistance. EVAL and KVA both showed interest in having a seminar on communication of strategic results. Finally, the office for Middle East and North Africa expressed interest in receiving a list of members with experience from these areas. Follow-up activities were implemented.

TAS environment: In March 2009, as a follow-up of the Danida Seminar for environment advisors held on 10-12 December, DDRN held a meeting with chief advisor Merete Villum Pedersen (MVP) for mutual briefing and to discuss possible areas of collaboration.

Contacts with embassies: DDRN has upon request by the Danish Embassy in Bolivia assisted embassy staff with links and contacts to Danish researchers who could potentially participate in consultancy work.

Visits to developing countries South Africa (x2), Tanzania, Ghana and Botswana

The travel report from the visit to *South Africa* (SA) in December 2007 is available on the website at http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/Travel_report_SA_AS180108.pdf. The report contains reflections and recommendations from meetings held with the UEM programme office, local programme partners and embassy staff in Pretoria in connection with UEM activities. During the visit to SA DDRN objectives and activities were presented and areas of possible collaboration discussed at meetings with staff of the Danish Embassy and UEM programme staff, including local partner institutions, in South Africa. As an outcome of these briefings the UEM programme officer at the Danish Embassy has recommended that DDRN participates/is represented at the planned advisory committee for the knowledge component of the UEM programme. Due to changes in Danida policy, and in the direction and focus of the programme this idea never materialized. A request from the embassy to DDRN for possible Danish presenters at a planned international conference in South Africa on energy was forwarded to relevant DDRN members and relevant CVs forwarded to the embassy.

Another trip to South Africa were made in February 2009 in connection with the holding of the Workshop "*Understanding the linkages between climate change, human health, water and food security: Research and knowledge sharing for Southern Africa*" Cape Town, South Africa - February 18-20, 2009 (see also later under conferences).

Meetings with Embassy staff at the Danish Embassies in Pretoria, *South Africa* and Dar es Salaam, *Tanzania* were held during April-May 2008 in connection with a DDRN visit to the two countries. The main purpose of these meetings was to introduce DDRN and follow-up on activities related to Urban Environmental Management (UEM). Travel reports outlining the output of these meetings and other activities conducted are available on the website at: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=155. The embassies were later informed about the Danish Development Research Council's rejection of the SARUEM application. The SARUEM initiative in which DDRN has also played an active part arose from the DDRN workshops on Urban Environmental Management at the SANORD conference held in Cape Town, SA in 2007. The application got very positive reviews from the embassies, who found the project very relevant. Ways of continuing the initiative within a different form are currently being explored by the DDRN secretariat and the involved DDRN members in Denmark, Mozambique, Tanzania and South Africa.

The Danish embassy in Tanzania later sent the review report of the Urban Environmental

Programme for information and possible DDRN input. However, research is not given a high priority in the future adjusted UEM programme.

A brief *visit to Ghana* was made by the coordinator in connection with her participation in a 'write shop' related to PAEPARD II (Platform for African-European Partnership on Agricultural Research for Development) which took place in Accra, Ghana, 29 September -1 October 2008 (more details on this visit is given under international links in section 3).

Finally, the DDRN secretariat participated in a *planning meeting in Botswana* in November 2008 with the purpose of exploring the interest in establishing a network process towards creation of a regional knowledge sharing network on the mentioned thematic areas within the SADC region, and between the SADC region and Denmark. Further information in section 3 and at: http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/ConceptNote_Programme_CC_SADC_wshop.pdf

Other inputs to development - strategies and dialogue

Targets in 2008 and first half of 2009: Upon opportunity and/or request.

Accomplished: see below

Strategies: DDRN was invited to provide comments to the strategies on *Democratisation and Rule of Law*, the revised strategy for *support to civil society in developing countries*. The contribution on the latter is available on the DDRN website at: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=21. Upon invitation from TAS environment DDRN also contributed information and inputs related to the review of the *Danish Climate and Development Action Programme* which took place in the last quarter of 2008. Generally it has been quite difficult to mobilise network members to contribute to strategies, mainly because of the short deadline often given at such hearings and meetings.

Upon the request of Danida/TAS DDRN has compiled and forwarded *information on tertiary education in Africa within the agricultural area*. The information will be used as an input to the work on education of The Danish Commission on Africa. The long term contact and strong links of the secretariat to the African networks and organisations within Agricultural Research for Development (FARA, RUFORUM etc.) proved efficient and very useful to obtain the information within a very short time. Feed-back received from TAS was positive and Danida has decided to assign the responsibility of facilitating a new facility on Higher Education, agriculture and business in Africa to FARA. The new facility is a result of the recommendations of the Danish Africa Commission.

A meeting between TAS and the Danish resource base on *Danish development research support* organised by TAS was held on 8 February 2008. As an input to this meeting a memo summarising DDRN's experiences with facilitating the establishment of N-S research partnerships using a demand driven and south-oriented approach was produced. The memo gives examples of 'good practices' and highlights key issues to take in consideration when planning N-S research partnership projects. There was little opportunity to discuss the memo at the meeting, but it was discussed at a later meeting between DDRN and TAS in March 2008.

During the first quarter of 2008 DDRN and The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation had a number of meetings to discuss and collaborate on the Danish inputs related to the Conference on Applying Technology and Innovation organized by WB Institute (WBI) in collaboration with the Danish and six African Governments to be held in Kenya in May 2008 (see later).

DRRN also participated in *Danida Development Days (DDD)*s held in June 2008. DDRN contributions included information dissemination about the DDDs, identification of relevant speakers and facilitators. DDRN secretariat members acted as discussants and reporters. DDRN has also been involved in the preparations for DDDs 2009, which will take place 8-10 June 2009, especially in a session on Higher Education, agriculture and business. DDDs 2009 will focus on issues related to the recommendations of the Danish Africa Commission.

In connection with the DDRN communication seminar on evaluating research communication held on December 4, 2008, DDRN hosted and facilitated a *pre-workshop meeting* between Darriann Riber and Megan Lloyd-Laney from DFID. At the meeting DDRN also briefed about DDRN and possible areas of future collaboration were discussed.

2. Fostering an engaged and committed network of members (DDRN objective 2)

Member driven groups/activities and member nurturing

Targets in 2008: new member groups formed, new member-led activities carried out, 4 calls issued, 7 new member-led activities carried out and General Assembly 2008 conducted.

Accomplished: 8 member activities, 2 new groups, 4 calls, 7 seminars and General Assembly.

Targets in 2009 (first half of): 3 activities (funded in 2008) implemented, 2 new activities, 1 call, 1-3 'after-work' meetings.

Accomplished 2009 (Jan-May): 1 'after-work' meeting, 3 activities, and 2 calls

Member-led activities: In 2008 four calls for member-LED activities were issued. A total of 28 applications were received, out of which 17 were granted. A list of all applications is available at the DDRN offices and can be obtained upon request. The activities funded were mainly workshops and participation in international events. The active involvement of members in working groups and the number of member-led activities has increased and the targets set for this activity have been exceeded, which is very positive. With the exception of one all the member driven activities funded were from Danish members. The secretariat has been proactive in spreading information about concrete opportunities for members to participate in activities in the South aimed at establishing and strengthening North-South collaboration between universities. Guidelines and procedures related to the fund for member driven activities and calls for establishment of working groups and member activities were reviewed and accordingly changed to address the issues arising from the review (clearer guidelines as to what can be funded and who can apply and others).

Two new member groups were formed during 2008, one on *Industry, Environment, Energy and Infrastructure (IEEI)*. Link: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=180, and another one on Urban Environmental Management (UEM), the so called *SARUEM* group of Danish, South African, Tanzanian and Mozambican researchers who organised themselves as a follow-up of previous DDRN activities on UEM in Southern Africa.

In the first five months of 2009 two calls for member-led activities were issued. A total of 22 applications were received, out of which 13 were granted (6 for workshops and seminars; 4 for participation in meetings and networking activities; and 3 for 'Other activities'). In addition the secretariat continuously receives applications and responds to applications, which do not fulfil the criteria for support.

No new working groups were formed during the first five months of 2009. The working group on Organic Farming, established as a follow-up activity after a meeting between DDRN and the 3rd World Committee under 'Organic Denmark' (Økologisk Landsforening), has been very active and was among other things involved in the 'First African Organic Conference', which took place in Uganda in May 2009.

A list of the *member-led workshops and meetings* conducted in the period covering this report is attached as Annex 3.

The *DDRN General Assembly 2008* was held on May 21, 2008 at the University of Copenhagen, IGG. Four board members and the two substitutes were on election. The members elected are: Carl Erik Schou Larsen (KU/Life), Helene Maria Kyed (DIIS), Olav Jull Sørensen (AAU/Business), and Thomas Nielsen (AU/Biology). The two substitutes are: Arne Wangel (DTU) and Esbern Friis-Hansen (DIIS). The full composition of the board, including the profiles of the board members, can be seen on the website, http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=14. Besides the items established in the Articles of Association, the agenda included a discussion of '*The future of DDRN: Vision and strategies for strengthened integration of research and knowledge in development*'.

The *DDRN General Assembly 2009* will take place in Aarhus, May 25.

Seminars/conferences in the North and the South

Targets in 2008: 2 thematic seminars/conferences and 4 seminars on research communication held

Accomplished: 4 seminars/conferences, 3 DDRN inputs to seminars of other organisations and 4 seminars on research communication

Targets 2009 (first half): 1 seminar/conference in DK/South, 2 research communication events, 1 general assembly and 2 board meetings

Accomplished in 2009 (Jan-May): 1 seminar/conference, 1 board meeting

In 2008 the following DDRN seminars (including co-organised seminars) were held:

- **Rural Economic Development:** The DDRN-Danida conference on Rural Economic Development (RED) was held on 8-9 April 2008. More than 80 people participated in the conference, which is a higher number than the expected participation of 50-60. The conference included representatives from the World Bank, CIRAD, and IITA, along with presentations by Danida and a DDRN short-term consultant, for the plenary sessions. Additionally, two workshops addressed questions on governance aspects of rural economic development and rural markets and business development. All presentations are available on http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=188.
- **Southern African Research Network for Urban Environmental Management (SARUEM) seminar:** DDRN arranged a meeting for the Danish resource base to disseminate information about the new regional initiative, to engage in dialogue with the applicants, and to discuss the future process of strengthening this regional research cooperation. DDRN invited the main applicants from Tanzania and Mozambique to Denmark, while CBS invited the applicant from South Africa. All attended the FAU Conference 2008, which had urban development as its main theme, and the SARUEM meeting was held immediately after the conference on May 16, 2008. The minutes and presentations from the meeting are available at: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=198.
- **Seminar on Natural Resource Management (NRM) in the Sahel:** On October 6, 2008 the DDRN secretariat, in collaboration with a small group of members and Danida, organised a seminar, with the purpose of presenting and discussing the study on NRM in the Sahel, commissioned by Danida to Department of Geography and Geology (DGG), University of Copenhagen (KU). AS and MF from the DDRN secretariat gave a short presentation on research communication at the seminar. Minutes available at: [http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/Minutes_NRMSahel\(2\).pdf](http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/Minutes_NRMSahel(2).pdf)
- **Conference on Global Value Chains, Business and Development:** The conference was held on 9th December 2008 at University of Copenhagen. The overall purpose of the conference was to provide a platform for dialogue between development researchers, private firms operating in developing countries, and development staff with the view to exchanging information on results, ongoing initiatives and theme-related tools. The conference focused on the following themes:
 - 1) Private sector development, public and private governance in trade, development intervention, 2) Global Value Chains, development and upgrading, and 3) Global Value

Chains, standards, Corporate Social Responsibility. 70 attended the conference, which included a series of presentations and many lively discussions. The presentations made on the conference are available on the website at: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=214. Production of the report from the conference has delayed due to staff changes in the secretariat but will be available at the DDRN website by end of May 2009.

- **Series of seminars on research communication.** The aim of this new activity has been to strengthen the members' communication skills. In May 2008 the first two seminars of the new series were held at the University of Copenhagen. The first seminar was entitled: "*Research Communication: Why and how?*" and counted 22 participants, including 3 speakers from the UK and one from Kenya. The report is forthcoming, while presentations and pictures available on the website at http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=196. The second event: "*Video Stories - digital opportunities for communication in research for development*" was a minor workshop with restricted number of participants (12) primarily aimed at young researchers who were planning to carry out field study. Half of the participants were students engaged in internships at different Danish NGOs. The workshop was facilitated by a network member and a colleague. Video documentation and other documentation from the workshop are available at http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=199. The participants were very satisfied with the workshop and many asked for a follow up workshop on editing videos. In December 2008 the secretariat carried out the third and fourth seminars on research communication: a workshop on "*Evaluation of research communication and of other communication activities for development*" was held at the Department of Geography and Geology on December 4. The speakers at the seminar included representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, from DFID, IDS and a consultant based in the UK who has worked for several major UK-based research communication programmes. All together, the seminar counted 26 participants, including researchers, consultants and a few students. Documentation from the seminar is available online at <http://r4dconsult.wordpress.com/> where Chris Addison from Euforic has posted two blogs on the seminar. Finally, on Dec 11-12, 2008, a second and improved workshop on "The use of participatory video", targeted primarily at students and young researchers, was held with 14 participants. DDRN has been the main organisers of all seminars held in 2008 with financial contributions from the two other Danish knowledge networks.

In the first five months of 2009 the following seminars and meetings were organised or co-organised by DDRN:

- **Understanding the linkages between climate change, human health, water and food security: Research and knowledge sharing for Southern Africa.** This workshop which held in Cape Town, South Africa - February 18-20, 2009, was co-organised with ENRECA Health network/DBL (the health network) and DWF (the water network). 40 participants from Southern Africa and Denmark attended the workshop, which resulted in the establishment of a network for climate change research in the SADC region! The workshop included key note speeches, presentations of mappings of research related to climate change, with focus on human health, water and food security. Several sessions were dedicated to thematic and cross-thematic discussions to identify knowledge gaps and inter-linkages; and the participants actively engaged in fruitful group and plenary discussions. An Interim Steering Committee has been put in place for this initiative. The Steering Committee includes representatives from University of Botswana, University of Zambia, Zambia Meteorological Department, National University of Lesotho, and the Danish research networks. The power point presentations, programme, draft research overviews, video interviews and pictures can be downloaded and seen at http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=221
- **Follow-up and briefing meeting on CC network in SADC region in DKA** meeting presenting the initiative to promote research cooperation and North-South knowledge sharing was held at University of Copenhagen on May 14, 2009. See: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=278
- **Parallel session on Adaptation to climate change in Least Developed Countries in the Climate Congress.** Based on the prioritized list of presenters from development

countries that was sent to the IARU organisation, DDRN funded 8 participants (a total of approx. 120,000 DKK). IARU financed 2 persons.

- **Food, Nutrition and Gender: Lessons learned and recommendations for future action.** This seminar, which was organised jointly by EVAL/Danida and the three Danish knowledge networks, including DDRN, took place on April 28, 2009. The attendance was good and the debate was lively. A report from the seminar is being prepared and will be available at the websites of the Danish networks. Presentations from the seminar are available on the [website of EVAL](#)
- **Communication events.** Due to delays in finalising internal collaboration arrangements and agreements of the FFU funded pilot projects, the associated communication workshops, which were originally planned for during the first half of 2009, were postponed till second half of 2009.

DDRN inputs to the seminars of other organisations and networks included the following:

In 2008

- **Roundtable meeting of RUFORUM** (Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture) – **NATURA** (Network of European Agricultural (Tropically and sub-tropically oriented) Universities and scientific complexes Related with Agricultural development.) in Kampala 21-26 May 2008. DDRN funded the participation of one Danish DDRN member. See: http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/Report_RUFORUM_meeting_Kampala_May_2008.pdf
- **Conference on Applying Technology and Innovation:** Upon request from Danida DDRN facilitated the participation of a number of members in a conference on Applying Technology and Innovation held in Kenya in May 2008 (three from KU/LIFE and one from AU). The conference was organized by WBI in collaboration with others. The coordinator of DDRN also participated in the conference. The travel reports of Danish participants are available at: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=155. Four cases in which Danish researchers were presented at the conference. All cases with Danish involvement are available in a folder jointly produced by Danida/Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation. "[Danish education, research and development assistance in support of agriculture and agribusiness development in Africa](#)" (May 2008).

In 2009:

- **Meeting on New GDN Global Research Project - The Climate Challenge: Sustaining Development Progress in a Warming World.** In February 2009, the DDRN secretariat was contacted by Mr. Anupam Khanna, Visiting Senior Fellow at the Global Development Network (GDN), who was interested in organising a meeting to discuss identification of research topics on climate change for the forthcoming GDN research projects. The meeting was arranged in connection to the IARU Climate Congress and held at IGG on March 9, 2009. The meeting was attended by a few participants, who discussed actively a series of CC issues in need of further investigation. Minutes of the meeting are available on the DDRN website: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=268
- **The conference 'Beyond Kyoto – addressing the challenges of Climate Change** took place at AU on March 5-7, 2009, and was supported by DDRN (costs of participation of 9 South participants).
- **The FAU Conference 2009 on States** took place 12-13 May 2009 and was supported financially by DDRN and others. See: <http://www.fau.dk/Konference09/Konference09.htm> At the DDRN Board meeting in March 2009 it was decided to support the 2009 Conference with DKK 47,000. the FAU conference will probably During the new DDRN grant period DDRN and FAU will probably enter an administrative collaboration the budget for FAU annual conferences will be incorporated in DDRN's budget.

Member data base, Info Needs Assessment and Communications Strategy

Targets in 2008: Information Needs Assessment (INA), Communications Strategy (CS) formulated, 2-3 communication tools implemented, website maintained and updated 12 monthly newsletters, occasional news mails, new promotion material, complete set of templates used by the secretariat **Accomplished:** INA report, Draft CS, new poster, communication tools explored, manual on conducting conferences & workshops.

Targets in 2009 (first half): assessment of communication tools, website maintained and updated, 6 monthly newsletters, occasional news mails, new promotion material, participation in int. networks. **Accomplished in 2009 (Jan-May):** Communication strategy in place, new poster, new focal themes on website

Servicing and nurturing the members and the network

During 2008 the number of registered members rose from 1200 to 1554, including seven new institutional members. The number of registered profiles grew from 139 to 260. The highest increase in number of members experienced by DDRN was registered in the last quarter of 2008, where 114 new members joined the network. The two workshops on Corporate Social Responsibility (Uganda) and urban environmental management (Southern Africa) resulted in an increase in Southern members. The secretariat has been proactive in spreading information about concrete opportunities for members to participate in activities in the South aimed at establishing North-South collaboration between universities.

In October 2008 the *information needs assessment* was finalised. The needs assessment is based on questionnaires and interviews, with contributions from more than 90 members and a few key stakeholders who had shown interest in DDRN. The assessment identified three core areas for communication and information activities in DDRN: 1) Making already existing knowledge visible; 2) Facilitating establishment of *contacts* to generate new knowledge; and 3) Disseminating *information* of relevance to generation of new knowledge. The assessment report also contains a series of recommendations for improvements of the network's information and communication channels. The secretariat has started implementing some of these recommendations. The report at:

http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/DDRN_Comm_needs_assessment_Oct2008.pdf

The information needs assessment showed that members are very interested in the database available on the website. In order for interested members to fully benefit of this tool, the secretariat started implementing a number of improvements, including : 'cleaning up' in the member list with an intention of deleting members who are no longer interested in being part of DDRN and do not have an updated profile. After contacting the about 500 these members, a total of 480 profiles are expected to be available on the website. A student assistant was hired for three months from September to December 2008 to help the secretariat with these tasks. During the first months of 2009 the member database was gone through to remove inactive members and wrong addresses. DDRN in March 2009 counted 1393 individual and 32 institutional members.

The *website* is updated and adjusted continuously. From end November 2007 to March 2008, over 5000 visits have been registered on the DDRN website. A new system for registering detailed statistics was introduced in February 2008, showing an average of 62 visits pr. day viewing 3 pages on the site. Statistics on visits March-June 2008 shows: 18,043 pages upload, 6,104 unique visits, 4,580 first time visitors and 1,524 returning visitors. This means an average of 69 visits pr. day with 205 page loads pr. day, thus indicating circulation on the website. The statistics also show that while there in general is high activity on the website in the days following newsletters and news mails, high activity is also registered on days distant from sent newsletters. This is a new development since the newsletters of the former networks. Statistics furthermore show a steady number of first time visitors and an increase of returning visits. The highest traffic of the website was registered in October and November 2008.

During the year the secretariat has received several positive comments on news services and level of activity in general in several other occasions (e.g. personal meetings and email). The needs assessment report includes a series of suggestions for improvements of the website.

These are core issues that need to be improved before other more simple but time requiring changes will be implemented. Furthermore, the secretariat is exploring possible ways of improving the website by supplementing its functions with other web 2.0 tools. The aim of introducing new tools would be to make the news-updating process more effective, provide simple options for members to engage in communication using the website, and provide more detailed data on navigation on the site.

In February and March 2009 new sections were established on the website of DDRN to reflect the focal themes chosen in autumn 2008. Three new sections were established on 'Climate change', 'Food security' and 'Research communication', while the 'Livelihoods and social development' category was merged into 'General news' and 'Public administration and policy' and 'Democracy, human rights and state-building' were merged into the new section on 'Public administration, democracy and human rights'. Furthermore, specific pages for briefs, thematic links and guidelines were established. The process of re-posting information under new category is ongoing.

During 2008 a total of 42 *newsletters* including monthly newsletters and occasional news mails were sent to members. In 2009 DDRN has continued to send monthly newsletters and news mails to members.

DDRN *brochures and posters* were distributed at the institutions where activities were carried out throughout the reporting period.

The *communications strategy* of DDRN was finalised in March 2009 and implementation of the action plan for 2009 has started. While all *seminars on communication* carried out in 2008 were organised by DDRN and co-financed with the other research networks, in 2009 it was expected that DWF and ENRECA Health would be responsible for organising two workshops in the first half of 2009. ENRECA Health has had a communication seminar for its own members, but no joint seminars have been held.

3. Stimulate and promote the production and exchange of high-quality research and research-based knowledge relevant to development assistance within agriculture, environment and governance (DDRN objective 3)

Participation in networks/organisations at national, regional and international levels

Targets in 2008: 4 coordination meetings (DK network), 7 coordinating meetings/DK representation (international), an updated list of contacts, and member participation in national and international events for 'linking purposes' funded

Accomplished: A number of contacts at national, regional and international levels, strengthened links to Danish NGO networks and organisations

Targets in 2009 (first half): 4 coordination meetings with other DK networks, DDRN representation in int. fora, DDRN members' participation in int. events funded.

Accomplished in 2009 (Jan-May): 4 coordination meetings, 2 int. meetings, a number of DDRN members' participation in events funded

Coordination and collaboration with Danish networks and research institutions.

- **Other Danish networks.** DDRN has carried out joint activities in collaboration with DWF in relation to the planned FFU funded pilot S-N research collaboration programmes in Vietnam and Tanzania and with DWF and ENRECA-Health on climate related activities and with regard to the Travel Grant Stipend grant scheme.

Dialogue meetings with Danish NGO networks were held in February and May 2008. A preliminary identification of possible areas of collaboration and coordination was made, and a DDRN board member has elaborated a proposal for a researcher/NGO conference on the roles of researchers and of practitioners, but so far no joint activities have been implemented. Børne- & Ungdomsnetværket, Gendernet and Aidsnet have developing a common website (www.ngonet.dk), where experiences with collaboration between NGOs and researchers can be described and exchanged. The new coordinator of the development branch of "Økologisk Landsforening", Mette Vaarst, visited DDRN and had a meeting with LA and LF of mutual exchange. There seems to be a number of possible collaboration opportunities, among others on a workshop in Uganda in 2009.

- The creation of the *climate task force* was an idea generated by the chair persons of DWF and DDRN with the purpose of creating one-stop consulting facility to Danida and other institutions in questions related to climate. A half-day seminar on establishment of climate task force across research networks was held on 4 February at the Faculty of Geography and Geology, Copenhagen University. 29 participants from a wide range of institutions attended the meeting. After the seminar the task force prioritised a number of activities to be carried out by the task force. In October 2008 the Climate Task Force met again to exchange information on ongoing and forthcoming activities related to climate change. The type of activities included scientific events, policy meetings, workshops in the South and activities targeted the young and the broad population. One of the activities of the task force has been to organise a *parallel session* for the Climate Congress (Bella Centre, March, 2009) on adaptation to climate change with special focus on opportunities and challenges for Least Developed Countries (LDC). Around 40 abstracts were submitted to the session. DDRN will fund the participation of a number of presenters from development countries in the IARU conference and the international climate conference held at University of Aarhus, both held in March 2009. In the beginning of 2009 several meetings were held in relation to the SACCNET initiative A flyer on the initiative was prepared by DDRN and distributed at the IARU Climate Congress.
- In 2008 three coordination meetings were held among the coordinators of *the Danish knowledge and research networks*: the first two in connection with the calls for Danida Travel Grants for Danish master students, and the last one related to joint activities in 2008. Another coordination meeting related to the Danida Travel Grants will be held in the end of May 2009, after the first 2009 Call.
- *GenderNET* has taken the initiative to organise a conference on *Gender and Governance*. DDRN/AS has participated in the preparatory meetings for the conference which is planned to take place in Copenhagen September 30 –October 1, 2009. see: <http://www.konsnet.dk/Default.aspx?ID=18677> The conference is organised by GenderNET in collaboration with member organisations (including DDRN).
- **Danish universities.** DDRN was invited to participate in a *workshop on Danish universities contributions to Higher Education and Research in Development and capacity building in Africa*. The workshop was held at University of Aalborg on June 13, 2008. The background for the workshop was the establishment of an AAU-Africa-forum which had developed university cases for the earlier mentioned conference in Dar es Salaam on innovation and technology. This had caused an interest at AAU in focusing more on innovation in higher education related to local needs and infrastructure and in discussing strategies and collaboration within higher education and research in development with other institutions and key players on the research and development scene. Participants included representatives from a number of Danish universities and institutions, including the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation. The discussion among other things focused on how to ensure that the whole education chain from (primary to tertiary) is included in development support and on recruiting and motivating students for development issues. As a result of the workshop a *brief paper* on key issues in higher education and research in development and suggested actions was produced by a smaller group established at the meeting in Aalborg and submitted to rectors at Danish universities.

Upon the invitation of AU the DDRN secretariat also participated in a meeting on Oct 27, 2008, with the director of Southern African-Nordic Centre (SANORD) Leolyn Jackson (LJ), University of Western Cape, www.uwc.ac.za and representatives from Danish research institutions. LJ visited member institutions in Denmark (Aarhus University and University of Southern Denmark) 27 – 31, 2008. Possible areas of collaboration and coordination with SANORD related to the priority areas of the Centre and DDRN were discussed.

In 2008 DDRN sent a *letter to the rectors of Danish universities* offering information and other assistance in relation to their first meeting with Danida. No reply was received. As a follow-up another letter addressed to the “working group of Danish universities on university inputs to strategic collaboration on Higher Education and Research in developing countries”, was sent in 2009. In the letter DDRN briefs the group about concrete DDRN activities within the area of higher education and research in development, and proposes its collaboration. A positive reply was received and the issue of collaboration will be discussed further after the working group has submitted its report to Danida.

Coordination and collaboration with Scandinavian, European and South networks and research institutions.

- ***Scandinavia:*** *Swedish Research Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry for Development.* The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and partners are in the process of creating a Research Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry for Development Upon the invitation of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) DDRN/the coordinator participated in combined conference/planning workshop on ‘networks’ held in September 2008. The purpose of DDRN’s participation was to highlight challenges and opportunities in research for development networks, based on the experiences of DDRN and earlier NETARD. Furthermore, to generate discussion and inspire. The presentation was well received and it was decided to follow up on possible areas of collaboration when the network is up and running.
- ***European:*** *conference “Knowledge on the Move”.* The DDRN secretariat participated in this conference organised by NUFFIC and others in Den Haag 26-28 February 2008. The conference was a unique opportunity to network and establish new contacts to research institutions, networks and persons working within the area of research partnerships, research policies and research communication. The report from the conference is available at: http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/Travel_report_AS_NUFFIC_Feb08_final.pdf

EFARD (European Forum on Agricultural Research for Development). The DDRN secretariat participated in two Steering Committee meetings during this reporting period, representing the Danish ARD community.

ERA-ARD (FP6 Project of the European Commission’s ERA-NET Scheme). The objective of the ERA-NET scheme is to step up the cooperation and coordination of research activities carried out at national or regional level in the Member States and Associated States. ERA-ARD II was launched in the beginning of 2009, MFA has decided to join the project but without being work package leader. During ERA-ARD I MFA had asked DIAS (now University of Aarhus) to represent MFA. For ERA-ARD II MFA has asked DDRN to handle communication and represent DK in possible board meetings related to PAEPARD II.

Communication links with IDS Information Department on collaboration on research communication. On February 16, 2009, the DDRN secretariat met with Geoff Barnard (GB) from IDS, who was in Denmark to plan this year’s EADI workshop for information and knowledge intermediaries. The purpose of the meeting with DDRN was to exchange information and discuss future collaboration on research communication activities in 2009.

Communication links across borders: The DDRN communications officer attended the ‘Public Communication of Science Conference’ held in Lund and Malmö on June 25-27, 2008. Useful links were established to international and Danish institutions, e.g. the communication department at the Faculty of Life Sciences. The secretariat has also taken

contact to the I-K-Mediary Working Group, an informal network of information and knowledge intermediaries that includes members from IDS, ODI, and many other research and knowledge institutes.

To strengthen links to other European knowledge intermediaries, in November 2008 DDRN has become an institutional member of the *European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)* - <http://www.eadi.org/>). In December, DDRN also joined Europe's *Forum on International Cooperation (Euforic)* - <http://www.euforic.org/>), which provides links to knowledge intermediaries, research institutions, NGOs and EU policy fora.

- **Europe – Africa:** The objective of the Africa/EU ARD cooperation is to increase the impact of agricultural research and knowledge systems on rural productivity, poverty reduction, food security and sustainable management of natural resources, as well as addressing global issues involving Africa (e.g. climate change), through the delivery of global public goods. *The Platform for African – European Partnership on Agricultural Research for Development (PAEPARD)* is a tool for the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and the European Forum for Agricultural Research for Development (EFARD) to strengthen their constituent's capacity to deliver agricultural innovations for Africa and Europe. The DDRN secretariat and DDRN members were involved in preparing the second phase of the platform. Activities have included DDRN participation in the PAEPARD *regional consultation workshops* for 1) North and West Africa Eastern hosted by CORAF (held in Senegal) and 2) Central and Southern Africa hosted by SADC (held in South Africa). Related to these consultations the DDRN coordinator also participated in an expert meeting/FARA & EFARD Consultation on Agricultural Research Programming for FP7-FAB and FSTP held in Brussels in April 2008. The experts produced a 26 page document, which provides a brief description of 2-3 research priorities and related activities for each of the 10 broad priority areas including climate change, bio energy and traditional knowledge. Finally the coordinator participated in the PAEPARD steering committee meeting (representing EFARD) followed by a 'write shop' where the project document for PAEPARD II was formulated. The SC meeting and the 'write shop' took place in Accra, Ghana, 29 September -1 October 2008. The PAEPARD II Action Fiche was submitted to EU in November 2008 and approved by EU in December 2008. In 2009 AS participated in two meetings for European stakeholders in PAEPARD (representing EFARD) preparing for the PAEPARD II full proposal. The meetings took place in Brussels in March and April 2009, respectively.

RUFORUM – NATURA links were strengthened through DDRN participation in roundtable meeting in Uganda and new links established in connection with DDRN participation innovation conference in Tanzania.

SANORD: During the conference on climate change in SADC in February 2009 the DDRN secretariat also met with the local representative of Southern African-Nordic Centre (SANORD), Paul Wisborg, University of Western Cape, www.uwc.ac.za to discuss possible collaboration and coordination related to the SANORD Conference (2009). AS has among other ideas suggested that DDRN could organise a parallel workshop on strategic collaboration on Higher Education for Development. The SANORD conference will be hosted by Rhodes University in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape, South Africa, and will take place from 7 to 9 December 2009. The theme of the conference is: "Inclusion and Exclusion in Higher Education". It will explore how higher education reflects, extends or transcends inequalities of gender, race, class, health and culture. Drawing on Southern African and Nordic experiences, the conference will explore diverse challenges and experiences in both regions in order to develop a comparative perspective. See: <http://www.ru.ac.za/ocs/index.php/SANORD/SANORD2009>

Danida Travel Grants and student related activities

Targets in 2008: 2 calls announced, 6 inspiration seminars, new phase of grant scheme, 10-15 new topics announced. **Accomplished:** 2 calls, 5 seminars, and bridging grant of scheme. **Targets in 2009 (first half):** 3 inspiration seminars, new phase of Travel Grant Scheme, study links. **Accomplished in 2009 (Jan-May):** new phase of scheme.

The grant period for the Travel Grants expired in June 2008 and the three research networks in collaboration elaborated and submitted an application for a new grant period of three years (July 2008 – June 2011) with a total budget of DKK 3.772.800 to Danida/FFU in February 2008. Since Institute of Geography and Geology (IGG) and Danida could not reach an agreement as to the costs of administration of the travel grants, DDRN sent an application to Danida for a bridging period (until December 31, 2008). The DDRN application for a transitory grant of DKK 220.000 + 20 % overhead was approved by Danida in November 2008.

At the May call a total of 69 applications was received, of which 55 were approved. 47 of the 69 applications were appraised by DDRN, and among these 36 received a grant of 6.500 DKK each. At November call 37 applications were received out of which 28 were approved and granted DKK 7,855 each. The distribution of applications received/granted on thematic areas was: Governance: 3/5; Agriculture: 4/7; Environment: 13/15; Water: 1/1; other areas: 7/9. The administration of the grants was carried out by University of Copenhagen.

In March 2008 two *inspiration meetings* for Master Students were at Aalborg University and University of Southern Denmark (SDU), respectively. Three other seminars were held: At RUC on Sep 25, at AU (Biology) on Oct 7, and at KU (Centre of African Studies) on Oct 8. In general the meetings went well; and the students seemed satisfied with the arrangements. In the first five months of 2009 no inspirations seminars were held, due partly to staff shortage and partly to uncertainty about the future of the grants until mid-February.

From 2009 the administration of travel stipends moved to Danish Fellowship Centre (DFC) with application deadlines on May 1 and November 2, 2009. The three networks will still be responsible for assessing the scientific relevance and level and for organising inspiration seminars. LF still spends time regularly on reporting and accounting from students, also those that have received grants before November 2008. Follow-up work and information services provided by the DDRN secretariat prior to the first call issued by DFC in 2009, has been considerable.

Approx. 50 students accompanied by Frands Dolberg, lecturer at University of Aarhus, visited DDRN on March 6, 2009. They were introduced to DDRN; and Camilla Silva, a lawyer from Brazil and presently working at Danish Institute for Human Rights, gave a presentation on the issue of human rights seen from a South American perspective.

4. Administration, monitoring and reporting

In addition to the activities relating to the 3 objectives and 7 outputs of DDRN the secretariat has attended a number of administrative tasks and participated in relevant events and workshops to explore possible collaborations with relevant organisations and networks working with research and knowledge for development.

The Progress report for 2007 and the work plan and budget for 2008 were discussed at a meeting with TAS on January 21, 2008. TAS expressed satisfaction with the Progress report, which showed that much had been achieved and that the scope of the activities corresponds well with the network's objectives and work plans. It was pointed out that the network should be conscious not to take over tasks for which institutions are responsible. The work plan and budget were reviewed in the middle of 2008 and separate LFA matrixes developed for the rest of 2008 and first half of 2009. Two more meetings between TAS and representatives from the

DDRN Board were held in May and October 2008 to continue discussions about the future of the network. An application for a new phase of DDRN covering a 2 ½-year period (July 2009 – December 2011) was submitted to Danida in November 2008. No official reply to the application has been received yet, but Danida has informed that support to DDRN will continue and allocations have been made for this purpose.

The secretariat held a retreat day on June 24, 2008, to discuss in depth the priorities and needs for adjustments in the current work plan, and division of labour and working procedures in the secretariat. Subsequently, some internal documents on work flow and procedures and a manual/guideline for conference and workshop preparation and implementation were elaborated. During 2008, the different members of the secretariat have attended courses on presentation techniques, memorising techniques and conflict management and resolution. From beginning of 2009 AS has attended a course on "facilitation" (six Fridays) ending in June 2009.

In December 2008 the secretariat moved to new offices on IGG situated on 3rd floor (area 6). In January 2009, Lluís Armangué resigned from his position in the DDRN secretariat to take up another job. In April 2009 Kris Borring Prasada Rao joined the DDRN secretariat as full-time network coordinator, replacing LA.

5. Conclusion

2008 and the first months of 2009 have been busy for DDRN. With the exception of a few activities which had to be postponed or were rescheduled all the targets set in the work plan for 2008 and the first five months of 2009 were achieved. For some areas of implementation more and new activities were added – and achieved. During the reporting period DDRN has thus experienced a considerable increase in activities as well as in number of members and member-led activities. Major achievements in the period covered by this report have included:

- 30 knowledge-sharing and member-led activities initiated with support from DDRN;
- 3 major unifying events/thematic conferences in Denmark and 1 in Africa;
- Contributions to the establishment of North-South (Southern Africa-Denmark) knowledge networks within environment (SARUEM) and climate (SACCNET);
- 4 thematic overviews;
- A detailed communication strategy and action plan;
- A series of communication seminars for members

The network has sharpened its focus on approaches, activities and themes that optimise the use of the core strengths of the network, including an effective and operational information and communication system, which provides needs based and thematic news services highly appreciated by members and users; a thematic approach across disciplines, institutions and sectors and; a strong secretariat which constitutes an asset for members and collaborating partners and which is capable of acting rapidly on shifting demands and challenges.

Annex 1: Updated LFA Matrix for Danish Development Research Network 2008¹

Development Objective	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
Increased contribution to and inclusion of research and knowledge in the design and implementation of development assistance in response to partner countries' needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type and scale of contribution of network activities to successful development programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interviews with key informants Available documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development assistance is knowledge based Research and knowledge are key elements in development Developing countries' needs and problems remain the focus for development assistance

Intermediate Objective	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
Increase the extent to which research and research-based knowledge is included in development cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and types of research and research-based knowledge input to development through network and network activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interviews with key informants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researchers and development practitioners are interested in increased interaction

Immediate Objective 1 (IO1)	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
Contribute to the dissemination and exchange of information between development programmes and the research community within agriculture, environment and governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and types of information and research & knowledge related invitations from development programmes and partners to DDRN to contribute information and knowledge 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests from development programmes and organisations and embassies

¹ The updated 2008 work plan incorporates changes and adjustments made after internal review and discussion and consultations with Danida in the second half of 2008.

Outputs	Indicators		Means of Verification
<p><u>Output 1.1</u></p> <p>Development programmes and collaborating institutions better informed and more knowledgeable about existing relevant research results and researched based knowledge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of programmes and partners informed about research and research-based knowledge produced by network members • Number of links established between network members and programme staff/institutions 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report • E-mail correspondence • Feedback from advisers and programmes • Website and newsletter
<p><u>Targets in 2008</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 research overviews • 2 competence profiles • 3 thematic briefs • 50-100 dev. staff briefed • 3 visits to the South 			<p><u>CHANGE in approach, priority or input:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • + 1 MORE: overview on research management and communication in North-South partnership projects • Development of briefs will await results of comm. strategy and to be coordinated with universities and other networks • Linked to visits to developing countries • DDRN overviews produced in 2008 discussed and disseminated in DDRN focal countries in the South
<p><u>Output 1.2</u></p> <p>Research and knowledge contributions made to programme and strategy development within the areas covered by the network and shared with development programme staff and partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and type of assistance rendered to programmes and institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reports ✓ Proceedings ✓ Minutes of meetings ✓ Communications with Danida. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members, South partners and development programmes interested in research integration • Stakeholders in the South have notion of research priorities and stakeholders in the North are willing to obtain the information • Network members contribute • Donors interested in getting input

<p><u>Targets in 2008</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 contributions/inputs • NEW! Institutional visits by DDRN secretariat in DK 			<p><u>CHANGE in approach, priority or input:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • + 1-(2) NEW: 1) opportunities and relevance of providing research and knowledge input to Danida Strategy for Humanitarian Assistance explored, and 2) input to planned Danida review of Danish support to development research (type of input depends on dialogue with Danida) • MORE: Increased focus on relating DDRN activities in DK to Danish universities' and members' own strategies
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Immediate Objective 2 (IO2)	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
<p>Foster an engaged and committed network of members through enhanced community building, interaction and collaboration, and through establishment of the necessary information channels, mechanisms and tools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type and extent of interaction in Denmark and across North-South and North-North • Type and extent of research and research-based knowledge exchange in Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> √ Member feedback √ Participation in network activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member interest in establishing relations to other network members • Overlapping or complementary fields of study of members • Research institutions prioritise development-oriented research
Outputs	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
<p><u>Output 2.1</u> Member driven and -focused platforms and working groups established across North-South and North-North</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and type of groups with regular contact in network • Number of member organised activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> √ Proceedings and reports √ Lists of participation √ Member feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members interest in establishing relations to other network members • Overlapping or complementary fields of study of members • Member willing to invest time in activities

<p><u>Targets in 2008</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment strategy in place and its recommendations implemented • 3 member-led activities (funded / 2007) • New working groups • 4 calls for member-led activities • 4 new activities • 5% member increase (spec groups) • 3 after work meetings • 4 seminars on research communication • 1 General assembly • 4 Board meetings 			<p><u>CHANGE in approach, priority or input:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROACH: MORE emphasis on member ownership and member leadership and LESS involvement of the secretariat apart from advertising and monitoring. Guidelines for member-led activities to be revised. • APPROACH: Focused recruitment guided by the recommendations of recruitment strategy with LESS focus on numbers/quantity and MORE on more on quality • MORE effort to explore and link with relevant nat. & international initiatives within research communication. • + 2 MORE (new board). Effort to keep number of ' face-to-face' board meetings to four per year.
<p><u>Output 2.2</u> Thematic workshops and conferences conducted in the North and the South</p>			<p>Willingness of members to assist in planning meetings and conferences and invest in joint N-N and N-S activities</p>
<p><u>Targets in 2008</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 seminars/conferences 			<p><u>CHANGE in approach, priority or input:</u></p>
<p><u>Output 2.3</u> Strategies and channels of communication and information established</p>			
<p><u>Targets in 2008</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications needs assessment report compiled 			<p><u>CHANGE in approach, priority or input:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the activities under output 2.3 are ongoing and continuous

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>DDRN communications strategy formulated and implemented</i> • <i>2-3 improved communications tools defined and implemented</i> • <i>Website maintained and updated</i> • <i>12 monthly newsletters</i> • <i>Occasional news mail</i> • <i>New promotion material</i> • <i>Templates developed</i> 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MORE efforts will be put into developing new tools and innovative communication related activities. • PRIORITY: Distribution and communication of existing research results and knowledge of members/resource base within DDRN focal areas.
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Immediate Objective 3 (IO3)	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
Stimulate and promote the production and exchange of high-quality research and research-based knowledge relevant to development assistance within agriculture, environment and governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and type of network initiated inter-disciplinary, cross-sectoral and cross-institutional research and knowledge related links and partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual reports • Feedback from researchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complementary fields of study of members • Members and partners find it beneficial to participate in joint activities and partnerships
Outputs	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
<p><u>Output 3.1</u></p> <p>Links to national, regional and international research communities established</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and type of information from national and international sources • Number and types of links at national, regional and international levels • No of members' participation in nat/internat. & regional events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> √ Travel reports and other reports √ Collaborating institutions and organisations √ Email corresp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members interest in network activities focused on international fora • Available avenues for network representation in int. for a

<p><u>Targets in 2008</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 coordination meetings with Danish networks (sec/member) • 4 meetings in steering committees at international level (sec); • Participation/representation in 3 international workshops/meetings • Updated lists of contacts to relevant networks and institutions and funding links • DDRN members' participation in a number of international events funded. 			<p><u>CHANGE in approach, priority or input:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MORE emphasis on DDRN's representative role vis-à-vis users and collaborators and on participation in international networks, especially within other sectors/areas than agriculture. More emphasis on establishing NEW communication links to I-K mediary group and others. • APPROACH: the list will be continuously updated and new links posted on website
<p><u>Output 3.2</u></p> <p>The flow of development-oriented students in Denmark facilitated and enhanced</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students interested in development-oriented activities • Students interested in network activities • Proposal for extension of the travel grant scheme for Danish master students will for a next phase will be approved and the scheme continue in 2008/2009
<p><u>Targets in 2008</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 inspiration seminars • Administration of bridging phase of travel grant scheme • 2 calls for applications • New dev. relevant study topics 			<p><u>CHANGE in approach, priority or input:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW! During the bridging period DDRN will in addition to being responsible for technical issues (evaluation and selection of applications) also ,jointly with IGG/administration, be in charge of administration of the Grant scheme (for applications on agriculture, environment, governance and "other areas").

Annex 2: LFA Matrix for Danish Development Research Network 2006-2009.

Targets for January-June 2009

Development Objective	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
Increased contribution to and inclusion of research and knowledge in the design and implementation of development assistance in response to partner countries' needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type and scale of contribution of network activities to successful development programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interviews with key informants Available documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development assistance is knowledge based Research and knowledge are key elements in development Developing countries' needs and problems remain the focus for development assistance
Intermediate Objective	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
Increase the extent to which research and research-based knowledge is included in development cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and types of research and research-based knowledge input to development through network and network activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interviews with key informants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researchers and development practitioners are interested in increased interaction
Immediate Objective 1 (IO1)	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
Contribute to the dissemination and exchange of information between development programmes and the research community within agriculture, environment and governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and types of information and research & knowledge related invitations from development programmes and partners to DDRN to contribute information and knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests from development programmes and organisations and embassies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in and commitment to using research in development programmes Research is sufficiently relevant and of required quality
Outputs	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
<u>Output 1.1</u> Development programmes and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of programmes and partners informed about 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports E-mail correspondence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researchers interested in publishing in policy briefs

<p>collaborating institutions better informed and more knowledgeable about existing relevant research results and researched based knowledge</p>	<p>research and research-based knowledge produced by network members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of links established between network members and programmes/institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from advisers and programmes • Website and newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development programmes interested in research overviews • Advisers and Danida interested in briefing of advisers • Availability of information on knowledge needs of the South
<p><u>Targets Jan-June 2009:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 overview (on gender or other topic) 1 -2 competence profiles • Briefings of development staff, DK embassies, donors and institutions • 2 visits to developing country 		<p><u>Comments on approach, priority or inputs (MORE/LESS/SAME)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROACH: New overviews and competence profiles to be directed towards DDRN focal themes (including crosscutting issues) and topics covered by decentralised research partnership pilot projects in Tanzania and Vietnam (where relevant). Focus on distribution and research communication of existing knowledge. • MORE effort into representing Danish strengths and institutions vis-à-vis programmes and embassies through in-field and 'face-to-face briefings during visits to developing countries. • LESS activity in DK and MORE in-field briefings during visits to developing countries • MORE + 1-2 NEW countries to be visited and focus on extending geographical out-reach of DDRN, and assessing relevance of DDRN focal areas in the Sahel region and/or Latin America.. Focus on multi-purpose visits, e.g. workshop within DDRN focal areas, initiation of thematic North-South platform, international conference, 'branding' the network, data collection for developing an overview of national research system, competence profile etc. 	
<p><u>Output 1.2</u></p> <p>Research and knowledge contributions made to programme and strategy development within network focal areas and shared with development programme staff and partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and type of assistance rendered to programmes and institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> √ Reports √ Proceedings √ Minutes of meetings √ Communications with Danida. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members and partners are interested in research integration • Stakeholders in the South have notion of research priorities and stakeholders in the North are willing to obtain the information • Donors interested in inputs
<p><u>Targets Jan-June 2009:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDRN contributions to strategy development 		<p><u>Comments on approach, priority or inputs (MORE/LESS/SAME):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROACH: Input to strategies should be decided upon on a case-to-case basis and by assessing the relevance to DDRN objectives, and the capability and capacity of the DK resource base to respond & make relevant contributions and quality input. 	

Immediate Objective 2 (IO2)	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
Foster an engaged and committed network of members through enhanced community building, interaction and collaboration, and through establishment of the necessary information channels, mechanisms and tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type and extent of interaction in Denmark and across North-South and North-North Type and extent of research and research-based knowledge exchange in Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> √ Member feedback √ Participation in network activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member interest in establishing relations to other network members Overlapping or complementary fields of study of members Research institutions prioritise development-oriented research
Outputs	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
<u>Output 2.1</u> Member driven and -focused platforms and working groups established across North-South and North-North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and type of groups with regular contact in network Number of member organised activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> √ Proceedings and reports √ Lists of participation √ Member feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members interest in establishing relations to other network members Overlapping or complementary fields of study of members Member willing to invest time
<u>Targets Jan-June 2009:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities related to implem. strategy 3 member-led activities (funded 1 2008), 2 new activities implemented 1 call for new member led activities 1-3 after work meetings <u>Targets Jan-June 2009:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 research communication events 1 general assembly/annual meeting and 2 board meetings 	<u>Comments on approach, priority or inputs (MORE/LESS/SAME):</u> APPROACH: focus on member- ownership and member- leadership with involvement of secretariat in advertising and monitoring. After work meetings will be demand and supply-led. Students and researchers at DFC will be involved as presenters and participants. Meetings will be organised in connection with international key people's conference or study related visits to DK and after DDRN members' participation in international events. <u>Comments on approach, priority or inputs (MORE/LESS/SAME):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRIORITY/MORE: At least one of these events to be implemented In the South and if possible co-organised .with strategic partner. Linked to other focal themes and FFU supported pilot projects in Vietnam and Tanzania if relevant. 		
<u>Output 2.2</u> Thematic workshops and conferences conducted in the North and the South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and types of workshops and conferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> √ Proceedings √ Lists of participants √ Feedback from participants 	Willingness of members to assist in planning meetings and conferences and invest in joint N-N and N-S activities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 seminar/conference in DK and/or the South 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> APPROACH: Seminars and conferences in Denmark will build on the active involvement of members in planning and implementation (ownership and leadership). More input to planning and implementation from the secretariat in relation to seminars and conferences conducted in the South. 		
<p><u>Output 2.3</u> Strategies and channels of communication and information established</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An operational communication and information system Number and type of information services Number and type of promotion material 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> √ Annual reports √ Reports from Needs assessment and user surveys √ Website statistics √ Newsletters √ Email correspondence 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of communication tools Website maintained/updated 6 monthly newsletters and occasional news mail New promotion material Participation in int. networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> APPROACH: Existing links with the strategic learning initiative at IDS Information Department and other links established during 2008 to knowledge intermediaries' groups operating internationally and in the South, will be strengthened. PRIORITY: research communication activities and NEW links to knowledge intermediaries at international level strengthened by participation in joint workshops and activities 		

Immediate Objective 3 (IO3)	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
Stimulate and promote the production and exchange of high-quality research and research-based knowledge relevant to development assistance within agriculture, environment and governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and type of network initiated inter-disciplinary, cross-sectoral and cross-institutional research and knowledge related links and partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual reports Feedback from researchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complementary fields of study of members Members and partners find it beneficial to participate in joint activities and partnerships
Outputs	Indicators	Means of Verification	Assumptions
<p><u>Output 3.1</u> Links to national, regional and international research communities established</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and type of information from nat. and int. sources Number and types of links at nat., regional. and internat. levels Number of members' participation in nat, internat. and regional events for linking purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> √ Travel reports and other reports √ Collaborating institutions and organisations √ Email correspondence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members interest in network activities focused on international fora Available avenues for network representation in int. for a

<u>Targets Jan-June 2009:</u>	<u>Comments on approach, priority or inputs (MORE/LESS/SAME):</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 coordination meetings with Danish networks (sec/member) • DDRN representation in international research & dev. network and fora • DDRN members' participation in a number of internat. events funded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROACH: Content of meetings and who will participate (sec/member/board) depend on type of collaboration and coordination • MORE emphasis on extending the thematic and geographical coverage at international level and beyond agricultural research for development/the agricultural sector.

Annex 3: List of member-led activities implemented January 2008 – May 2009

2008

Seminars and workshops:

- ⇒ FAU-Conference 2008 (14th-15th of May 2008): "*Cities, Climate Change and Development: Is Urban change for sustainability possible?*" The DDRN secretariat participated in conference planning and contributed financially to the conference, but unlike at the previous conference DDRN was not workshop convener. Report available on http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/2008_FAU_report_to_DDRN_august_08.pdf.
- ⇒ *New Development Strategies in Latin America in a Changing International Economic and Political Context*, Aalborg University, May 20-22, 2008. Information available on <http://470358.g.portal.aau.dk/>, conference report still to be published.
- ⇒ *How can developing countries benefit from the growing markets for organic products?*, University of Copenhagen, May 27, 2008. Report available on http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/OASD_English_brief_report.pdf.
- ⇒ *Environment and Poverty*. A total of six meetings were held covering three themes, namely 1) *Local livelihood strategies and climate change* (meetings in April and May 2008 - reports from the seminars are available on http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=197.); 2) *Local Participation in Biodiversity* (meetings in September and October, see: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=59 and; 3) *Development Strategies in the New Millennium* (meetings in November and December 2008);
- ⇒ *The Corporate Social Responsibility Chain Link*, Uganda Christian University, Mukono, Uganda, August 20, 2008. Programme and concept note available on [http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/CSR_Uganda_workshop_DDRN_web_announcement\(10\).pdf](http://www.ddrn.dk/filer/forum/File/CSR_Uganda_workshop_DDRN_web_announcement(10).pdf)
- ⇒ *Spatial Disparities in Development: The Geography of Development and the World Bank Report 2009, autumn 2008* (DGG, University of Copenhagen, Oct. 31, 2008). Conference report still to be published.

'After-work' meetings were held on

- ⇒ Enhanced collaboration between African and European universities (DGG, University of Copenhagen, SE.16, 2008). Held by Mogens Buch-Hansen. Minutes at: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=206
- ⇒ Eco-business as a driver of sustainable development in Central America? Held on DEC 17 by Søren Borch. More information at: http://www.ddrn.dk/index.php?side_id=216

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Seminars and workshops:

- ⇒ Tambo, Justice Akpene from KU, LIFE participated in the Erasmus Mundus Conference on Higher Education and Climate Change, taking place in Budapest on February 26-27, 2009. Travel report not yet received and funding not paid.
- ⇒ The conference on Sustainable Animal Production in the Humid Tropics, planned to take place in Guadeloupe in March, where DDRN had granted support to Mette Vaarst's participation, has been cancelled (or perhaps postponed).
- ⇒ Valerie, Passo Tsamo Claudine participated in the Danida funded seminar "Value-added Processing of African Fermented Food for Improved Quality and Food Safety", held on February 16-19, 2009 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Mogens Jakobsen, KU, LIFE, was vice-chair of the planning group. Report of the seminar received.

'After-work' meetings were held on:

- ⇒ Søren Borch, Danida shared experiences from the eco-business component of Premaca, Danida's Regional Environment Programme in Central America, with members of DDRN. December 17, 2008. KU, Institute of Geography and Geology.