

**Conference on Rural Economic Development:
Opportunities and Challenges in Future Growth Strategies
8-9 April 2008, Copenhagen, Denmark**

Venue: Eigtveds Pakhus, Asiatisk Plads 2G, Meeting Room II

8 April 2008	
8.30 9.00 9.15	Registration Welcome and outline of objectives and programme. <i>Mette Kjær, DDRN</i> The importance of rural economic development in Danish development assistance. <i>Klaus Bustrup, Chairperson of Danida's Board</i>
9.30	International development trends and approaches to Rural Economic Development, part I <i>Chairman: Henrik Secher Marcussen, Roskilde University</i> Keynote speech on Agriculture for Development – a strategy for achieving sustainable poverty reduction. The World Development Report 2008. <i>Mark Cackler, Manager of the Agriculture and Rural Development Department, World Bank</i>
10.15	Break
10.45	International development trends and approaches to Rural Economic Development, part II Keynote speech on Rural Economic Development from a territorial approach. <i>Patrick Caron, Agricultural Research for Development Countries, CIRAD</i>
11.30	Responses, comments and reflections to keynote speeches introduced by: - <i>Helle Munk Ravnborg, DIIS</i> - <i>Henrik Egelyng, IAASTD</i> - <i>Felicity Proctor, Proctor Consult</i>
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Trends in Danish development assistance to rural economic development. <i>Hanne Carus, Technical Advisory Services, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark</i>
14.15	Trends and focus areas in Danish and international research on rural economic development. <i>Solveig Danielsen, independent consultant</i>
14.45	Coffee/tea
15.00 – 16.30	Sharing of results and good practices. Parallel thematic workshops on: 1) Governance and rural economic development. Facilitators: <i>Mette Kjær, University of Aarhus, Lluís Armangué, DDRN</i> - Helping the Heroes: Supporting Agriculture in Uganda. <i>James Joughin, ASPS Uganda</i> - Participatory local governance, rural economic development and poverty reduction in Soroti District, Uganda. <i>Esbern Friis-Hansen, DIIS</i> 2) Rural market and business development. Facilitators: <i>Tine Breinholt, NIRAS, Anne Sørensen, DDRN</i> - Regoverning markets program. <i>Felicity Proctor, Proctor Consult</i> - Agricultural advisory services for greater market success of small scale producers. <i>Sanne Chipeta, Danish Agricultural Advisory Service</i>

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9.00	Plenary session. Recapitulation and presentation of outcomes first conference day
9.30	Keynote speech on Markets and the Future Role of Small Scale Farmers – opportunities. <i>Dr. Hartmann, Director General IITA</i>
10.15	Break
10.45	<p>New directions, new partnerships Continuation of thematic workshops:</p> <p>1) Governance and rural economic development. Facilitators: <i>Peter Oksen, University of Roskilde, Lluís Armangué, DDRN</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elites and the implementation of pro-poor productive sector policies: presentation of a new research programme. <i>Mette Kjær, University of Aarhus</i> - Implications of the small-farmers support to integration and commercialisation. <i>Peter Frøslev Christensen, Development Associates</i> <p>2) Rural market and business development. Facilitators: <i>Tine Breinholt, NIRAS, Anne Sørensen, DDRN</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organic farming as opportunity for development countries. <i>Paul Rye Kledal, Inst. of Food and Res. Economics, LIFE, KU</i> - A conceptual framework and practical guide for value chain 'upgrading' of small producers. <i>Simon Bolwig, DIIS</i>
12.15	<p>Plenary session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recapitulation on key issues and presentation of outcomes workshop - Lessons learnt and initiatives for further directions for rural economic development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Mette Kjær, DDRN</i> o <i>Hanne Carus, Danida</i>
13.00	Lunch