



Travel report

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 Traveling to: Dar es Salaam and Morogoro, Tanzania
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1. Objectives for travel:

- I. To participate in the Conference: 'Practicing Agricultural Innovation in Africa: A Platform for Action', May 12-14, 2008 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- II. To meet with Urban Environmental (UEM) Programme staff in Tanzania and staff of the Danish Embassy in Dar es Salaam to introduce DDRN and discuss possible collaboration on UEM research and knowledge for development.

2. Activities

2.1 Conference 'Practicing Agricultural Innovation in Africa: A Platform for Action':

AS participated in this conference upon invitation from the organisers and as representative for DDRN. The network had upon the request of BFT/UM funded 3 of the Danish participants – all members of DDRN. The geographic focus of the conference was Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. The conference had around 100 participants, mainly from Africa.

The objectives of the conference were to 1) strategize on how to operationalize and promote agricultural innovation at the national level, and 2) understand key practices and policies that enable or hinder innovation and technology development in agriculture, food industry, rural energy and physical environment. To stimulate the discussions, two sets of analytical material had been developed for each of the six countries 1) An evidence based survey on policies and incentives for fostering innovation within the agribusiness sector, and 2) Innovative case studies of successful technology projects having achieved scale within the four above-mentioned technologies. The methodology of the conference included keynote presentation and discussions in six country themes aiming at developing the basis for national plans for Agricultural Innovation. The coordinator participated in plenary sessions on the two first days of the three day conference. She did not participate in country team discussions. The Danish participants who were funded by DDRN attended the conference throughout (including country team discussions)

2.2 Meetings: A meeting was held with Lars Mikkel Johannesen (LMJ), at the Danish Embassy in Dar es Salaam <http://www.ambdaressalaam.um.dk/en>. The purpose of this meeting was to collect information on the status of the UEM programme in Tanzania and discuss the possibilities of further collaboration and information exchange on research and knowledge related to Urban Environmental Management (UEM) and the Southern African Research on Urban Environmental Management initiative (SARUEM). The coordinator and LMJ also met with staff from the Sustainable Cities Programme/National framework for Urban Development and Environmental Management (UDEM) in Tanzania. UDEM is the leading local partner in implementing the Danida supported UEM programme: <http://www.scptanzania.org/>.

2.3 One-day visit to Sokoine: On May 14th 2008, the coordinator joined a small team of researchers/administrators from Faculty of Life, University of Copenhagen on a one-day study trip to University of Sokoine in Morogoro. A brief visit to the Danida supported Private Agricultural

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Sector Support Programme in Morogoro was also made, where the coordinator met with the Programme staff.

3. Outcomes

Conference

- No formal presentation of DDRN was made at the conference, but promotion material (pamphlets) was distributed and information about DDRN disseminated through informal networking. The pamphlets seemed to be in high demand.
- New links and contacts were established to key persons from a number of African institutions and network including Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and African Network for Agriculture, Agro forestry & Natural Resources Education (ANAFE) and others.
- The conference organizers will publish all presentations and conference papers on a CD which will be given to all participants when ready. A summary of the 'next steps' is attached as **Annex 1**.
- A publication on the Danish cases had been produced by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs prior to the conference and was distributed during the conference. Furthermore, the DDRN funded Danish participants will submit their reports on the outcomes of the conference to DDRN. The reports of the Danish presenters will be available on the DDRN website when ready.

Field trip to Sokoine

- An introduction to Sokoine University (staff capacity, focus areas and premises).
- New links and contacts at Sokoine University

Meeting at the Danish Embassy

- Strengthening of links to Danish Embassy and UEM programme
- Updated knowledge on the UEM programme: A review of the programme is planned for October where considerable changes in the structure, organization and focus areas of the programme are expected. Research is not included in the existing programme but support to programme relevant knowledge and research could be considered if this is prioritized and demanded by the local partners (UDEM).

Meeting with UDEM

- Dissemination of information on DDRN and UEM related activities
- Knowledge on research collaboration needs of research institutions and Danida Programme within UEM in Tanzania.
- The minutes of the meeting with UDEM, including the list of participants is attached as **Annex 2**.

4. Conclusions

The Conference was a useful source of information on the six African countries' priorities and focus areas within agricultural innovation. It also provided a good opportunity for networking with Danish and African colleagues and introducing DDRN to potential members and partners. The field trip to Sokoine gave the coordinator got a good impression of the expertise areas and capacity of the oldest university in Tanzania and the challenges faced for universities in Tanzania. The meetings held with the Danish Embassy and UEM programme staff and their collaborating partners in Tanzania have strengthened DDRN links in Tanzania. A lot of useful information, which will guide future activities within UEM, was gathered.



Annex 1

Brief summary of possible next steps outlined at Conference on Practicing Agricultural Innovation: A Platform for Action, May 12-14th, 2008, held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

1. Organisation and context

The Conference was organised by the Governments of Denmark and the World Bank with support from the Government of Ireland and the Global Development Network. Follow-up activities will be undertaken within the context of the framework of the CAADP. This implies strong partnership with FARA and national players. Attention should also be given to the fact that a wealth of analysis and knowledge on AIS and case studies on agricultural innovation are available. The geographic focus of the conference was Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

2. Possible next steps

The following possible next steps were outlined at short, medium and long term:

Short term: The National AIS Fora should

- be based on country interest and be building on the work of the country teams
- explore avenues for implementation of the country action plans developed at the Dar Forum.
- build awareness of the AIS approach combined with the value chain analysis
- share the findings of the value-chain analysis and case studies.

Dissemination of case studies to be done by national level and Pan-African stakeholders (agricultural producer organizations, universities, research institutes, ministries, non-governmental and Community-based Organizations, FARA etc...) and targeted African web-sites, media etc. Furthermore, training material from and for the field (including videos) should be developed to facilitate dialogue between researchers and producers.

Disseminating the country AIS reports should be done through publication of the comparative innovation studies across three different agricultural value chains in the six African countries. Dissemination should build on existing Discussion Group on AIS and expand its range and members. This should pave the way for a multi-sectoral approach to agricultural project design and financing.

Medium term: National AIS capacity building should include

- Assessment and action on "missing mechanisms" within national AIS
- Determining the implications of AIS on economic empowerment of women in agriculture
- Introducing AIS theory and methods into vocational and tertiary level agriculture education
- Creating and supporting formal structures for national level AIS (e.g. NARS, NAADS, relevant ministries, Farmer Organizations etc.)

Long term: Principles for building national AIS capacity - a system perspective to agricultural, i.e. innovation is about network coordination, means of sharing or reducing financial risks, tapping into scientific and technology resources, public/private partnerships, demand-responsive research institutions, stakeholder representation in the governance of institutions, capacity for technological learning, etc.



Annex 2

Minutes of meeting on collaboration between the Urban Development and Environmental Management (UDEM) programme in Tanzania and Danish Development Research Network (DDRN)

May 16, 2008, 10:00–12:00. UDEM Conference Hall
Regional Administration and Local Government, Dar es Salaam

Participants: Anne Sørensen (AS), the coordinator of DDRN: www.ddrn.dk met with staff from the Sustainable Cities Programme/National framework for Urban Development and Environmental Management (UDEM) in Tanzania. UDEM is the leading local partner in implementing the Danida supported UEM programme. For further information, see: <http://www.scptanzania.org/>. In addition to staff from UDEM Lars Mikkel Johannesen (LMJ) counsellor for environment at the Danish Embassy in Dar es Salaam <http://www.ambdaressalaam.um.dk/en> and Professor Pius Yanda (PY), the Director of the Institute of Resource Assessment at University of Dar es Salaam, also participated in the meeting. The list of participants is shown at the end of this document.

Background and purpose: The purpose of the meeting was to inform about DDRN activities and the Southern African Research on Urban Environmental Management initiative (SARUEM) in which DDRN is involved and collect information on the status of the UDEM programme in Tanzania. Furthermore, to discuss possible collaboration opportunities on research and knowledge related to Urban Environmental Management (UEM).

AS made a brief introduction to DDRN, and focused on activities of relevance to the UDEM programme. She explained that the idea of a regional network on UEM research originated from a regional workshop on UEM research organised by DDRN and held in December 2007 in Cape Town, South Africa. As a follow up of this workshop a core group of researchers from Denmark, Mozambique, Tanzania and South Africa had submitted an application for initiative funding to the Danish Research Council (FFU) for establishing a regional UEM research network in the Southern African region, the so-called SARUEM initiative. The Tanzanian signatory to the application is Tumsifu Jonas Nnkya (TJN) from Ardhi University. TJN is thus the key focal point in Tanzania for the SARUEM initiative. AS explained that TJN was currently in Denmark in connection with a conference and meetings and had therefore not been able to attend the meeting in Dar es Salaam. The Council will decide on which applications to fund in June, and if initiative funds are granted, workshops in Tanzania and Mozambique will be held in autumn 2008 to identify focus areas of the network. By involving several countries with different conditions and UDEM programmes in the Southern African region the project aims at strengthening regional collaboration and knowledge exchange within urban environmental management.

LMJ explained that there are currently no allocations for research in the UDEM programme in Tanzania. However, if research related activities are identified as a need by the Tanzanian implementing partner and a request forwarded to the donor this could be considered in future programming. He also informed that the current programme will be reviewed in November and that the recommendations of the review team might lead to changes in the programme.

Discussion: During the successive brainstorming on possible areas of collaboration the participants mentioned a number of programme relevant research topics and knowledge needs, including the following:

- Rural – urban linkages
- Urban agriculture
- Climate change
- Wetlands degradation

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- Urban development and planning
- Peri-urban areas
- Informal settlements and poverty
- Research communication and policy-makers use/non-use of research

However, the participants also agreed that identification and prioritisation of programme relevant research and knowledge needs would require more time and thinking. AS explained that this was the idea behind the planned one-day workshop in Tanzania, where all interested partners (researchers and programme staff) would be invited and research and knowledge needs and topics identified.

The participants supported the idea of a workshop and expressed their commitment to participate. LMJ asked AS to clarify a number of practical and logistic issues regarding the planned workshop (timing, duration, venue etc.). Regarding the timing of the embassy and the programme informed that they would not be able to participate in end of November/beginning of December 2008 due to other commitments. Mid-October was suggested as a suitable time. PY offered that University of Dar es Salaam could host the planned workshop. AS encouraged PY to liaise with TJN on this issue and the timing of the workshop when it is known whether the initiative will be funded by FFU.

Decisions and next steps:

- AS will forward minutes of the meeting, copies of the initiative application and other relevant SARUEM documents to the participants of the meeting after her return to Denmark.
- AS will inform the core group of researchers about this meeting and forward the minutes of the meeting to the core SARUEM group.
- AS will suggest to the core group/signatories that the participants of this meeting are added to the list of people who receive information/ communication about progress in the activities of the SARUEM initiative, including information about the funding situation and the planned workshop in Tanzania (programme, invitations etc.).
- The planned workshop in Tanzania should not take place in November – December 2008. Mid October is a possibility. The date will be fixed after a decision regarding funding of the SARUEM initiative has been taken by of FFU.
- The participants of the meeting will be invited for the workshop.



Meeting between DDRN and Urban Development and Environmental Management (UDEM) programme in Tanzania May 16, 2008 – Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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