



SN² SOUTH-NORTH NETWORK ON TRADE & DEVELOPMENT

TDNET TRADE & DEVELOPMENT TRAINING, RESEARCH & POLICY NETWORK

TDNET COORDINATION MEETING – NOV. 29, 2010

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

19:30 **Welcome and opening social event- DINNER at the Hotel**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

◇ Welcome, Meeting Objectives and Project Management ◇

8:30 **Welcome and opening remarks**

Mary Mbithi, University of Nairobi

8:45 **Project management, activities and results**

Report on "Joint Stakeholder Conference", Bruxelles

Laura Danieli and Gianni Vaggi, University of Pavia

9:00- 11:00 **Overview of ongoing TDN activities and decisions to be taken:**

- ❖ Traineeships: evaluation and selection of candidates to be trained in ECDPM and SAIIA; definition of the period; organisation of the logistics and administrative procedures.
- ❖ TRAPCA Training: final decision on the better period; definition of program and possible trainees; indication of possible trainees by the partners (2 per partner);
- ❖ Research Visitorships: planning of the visits (people travelling, period) and of the research activities to be implemented; organisation of the logistics and administrative procedures
- ❖ Web Site: revision, update and organisation of the material (training material, visit lectures); selection of possible new contributions by all the partners.
- ❖ Course Material Pack: summary and format of a "packet" that will be available to all the partners as possible common curriculum on trade and development
- ❖ Multi-stakeholder Conference (Addis Ababa): dates, participants, guests, program; possible cooperation with NETRIS
- ❖ Policy Briefs: definition of 6 research papers to be transformed into policy briefs; publication and dissemination to policymakers and other stakeholders for reference and use in policy formulation (assistance of ECDPM)



11:00 **Tea Break**

11:20 **Report on the Visiting Lectures (TRAPCA, UCB)**
Caiphas Chekwoti, TRAPCA (hosting inst.), Joy Kiiru, UON (lecturer at UCB)

◇ **TDNet Research Collaborations** ◇

SESSION I

11:40 **Evolution of Research Activities and planning for the future**
Gianni Vaggi, University of Pavia

12:00 ***China's threat to African industry: A comparative study of the clothing and footwear industries in Ethiopia, Kenya and Mauritius***
Vinaye Ancharaz, UOM and Alemayehu Geda, AAU

12:20 ***Socio-economic impact of the flower industry in Kenya***
Joy Kiiru, UON, Luca Mantovan, UPV, Ruerd Ruben, RU

12:40 ***Financial constraints as a barrier to exporting: evidence from Mauritius***
Vinaye Ancharaz, UOM, Harshana Kasseeah, UOM, Alberto Botta, UPV

13:00 **Questions, Comments, Remarks**

13:30 ***Lunch at the hotel***

SESSION II

14:30 ***Assessment of trade in services in the ESA region and the impact of liberalization***
Caiphas Chekwoti, TRAPCA, Mary Mbithi, UON

14:50 ***The impact of trade liberalization on household welfare in Kenya***
Miriam Omolo, UON, Marco Missaglia, UPV



15:10 ***The role of microfinance in inter-regional trade: case of the Great Lakes region***

Janvier Kilosho Buraye, UCB, Gianni Vaggi, UPV

15:30 ***Impact of the informal sector on regional trade***

Baboo Nowbutsing, UOM, Seth Gor, UON

15:50 ***Cross border trade in East Africa and Great Lakes region***

Mulugeta Belayhun, AAU, Jean-Baptiste Ntagoma, UCB

16:10 **Questions, Comments, Remarks**

16:40 **Tea Break**

◇ **Bridging Academics and Policymakers** ◇

17:00 **Policy relevance of research topics: Discussion**

Kathleen Van Hover, ECDPM and Sheila Njeri Kiratu, SAIIA

◇ **Looking Ahead** ◇

17:15 **Administrative and reporting procedures**

Presentation about next EDULINK CALL

Other business, announcements etc.

Laura Danieli, University of Pavia

17:45 **Closing of the seminar**

Informal exchanges

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

For those remaining the following day, we suggest to organise some **BILATERAL MEETINGS** on the research and/or on the organisation of activities to be jointly implemented

