

Coming up in the Food First program 2011

Thursday, June 23, 2011

SID-ISS Lecture: Rural Poverty: the fate of smallholders
Presentation of and debate on the IFAD Rural Poverty Report 2011

Thursday, September 8, 2011

Vijverberg session / Floriade Dialogue
Voedselvoorziening, leveringszekerheid, veiligheid en geopolitiek

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Vijverberg session / Floriade Dialogues, Smallholders on global markets
Smallholders on global markets

Thursday, 10 November 2011

Internationale conferentie
Aula van de Rabobank Utrecht. Thema nog nader te bepalen

Thursday, 8 December 2011

Vijverberg session / Floriade Dialogue
Landbouw en handelsliberalisering, GLB en WTO

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Pastoralism

Wednesday June 9, 2011

Presentations & Discussions

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Facts and potentials

In Sub-Saharan Africa 70mi people live from livestock keeping in (semi-)arid rangelands, of which 20mi in East Africa. They include age old cultures such as the Masaai and the Turkana.

The common perception is that pastoralists exist at subsistence levels. That is not true. They are closely integrated in the national and regional economies through input, output and processing value chains. In Kenya alone, the sector is worth €550mi a year. Pastoralism is a highly rational and efficient land-use system, ideally suited to preserve the natural resource base and to ensure high productivity from environmental variability and climate change, while adding value from marginal lands.

Pastoralism has immense potential value for additionally contributing to food security, poverty reduction and sustainable economic development, particularly in an increasingly climate constrained world.



Policy issues

Secure access to pastures and water, to provide an enabling land tenure policy at local, national and regional levels.

Legally regulate and support seasonal livestock mobility and temporary access to key natural resources within and between countries.

Improve rural infrastructure and market access, to enable pastoralists to benefit from regional and international commodity-based trade.

Improve response to food emergency crises, including protection of a core breeding stock and early market-based interventions such as commercial destocking and credit provision.

Provide complementary and alternative livelihoods, in processing and marketing, production and sale of fodder and other natural products, community-based tourism.

Connect to the pastoralists' own organizing and innovating capacities!



Presentations and lectures in The Hague, starting at 12.00h

12.00 – 14.00 uur

Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture & Innovation,
Prins Clauslaan 8, The Hague

Lunch meeting: lecture and discussion



14.30 – 16.30 uur

ISS, Institute of Social Studies, Kortenaerkade 12, Den Haag

Lecture and discussion

Introductions by Professor Mohamed Salih (ISS); chaired by Professor Ton Dietz (Professor of Human Geography at the University of Amsterdam and director of the African Studies Centre and Professor in African Development at Leyden University)



17.00 – 19.00 uur

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Vijverberg session

Chaired by professor Ton Dietz

With contributions by:

Dr. Sarah Ossiya, Consultant Pastoral Investment Initiative, AU-IBAR, African Union, Kenya

Mr. David Nkedianye, ex-ILRI and now director of Reto-o-Reto from Kenya

Mr. Michael Odhiambo, Resource Conflict Institute (RECONCILE), Kenya

Dr. Ann Waters-Bayer, ETC AgriCulture

