DDRN seminar series 2014

DDRN is launching an after-work seminar series to stimulate debate on how to enhance knowledge sharing and research collaboration between North-South-South and across disciplines. DDRN invites researchers, students, aid practitioners, private sector representatives, consultants and other stakeholders to participate.

Seminar 1

BSU Live
Research capacity building: PhD study visits to Denmark
- a report from the PhD students of the Roots and Tuber value chain project in Ghana

Date: Thursday 6 November 2014, 4.30-6pm
Venue: Aalborg University, A.C. Meyers Vænge 15 · 2450 København SV, Meeting point: Reception, ground floor

Program
16.30 - 16.35 Welcome by Thorkild Nielsen, Integrated Food Studies, Aalborg University Copenhagen
16.35 - 16.45 Main research questions in the South driven research project 'Enhancement of Roots and Tuber value chains in Ghana'
   by Arne Wangel, UNEP-DTU Partnership, Technical University of Denmark
16.45 - 17.10 Strengthening Root and Tuber Value Chains: Any hopes for the lesser known?
   by PhD student Abena Boakye, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)
17.10 - 17.35 Assessing the efficiency of the cassava and yam value chains in Ghana
   by PhD student Gifty Boakye Appiah, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)
17.35 - 17.55 Q & A and networking
17.55 - 18.00 Closing remarks by Lekunze Ransom Nambuanyi, Metropolitan University College, Vice Chairman of DDRN

The first event in the DDRN seminar series is presented under the heading BSU Live. Drawing upon South voices, the objective is to present selected research capacity building components from the Building Stronger Universities Program phase 1 and 2 and from South and North driven development research projects.
Seminar 2

Research uptake - do our communication habits stand in our way?

Date: Thursday 27 November 2014, 4.30-6.00pm
Venue: UN City, Marmorvej 51, 2100 Copenhagen Ø. Meeting point: Reception, ground floor (Registration with Lucy Gregersen, e-mail: lugr@dtu.dk, by latest on 26 Nov, please bring Photo ID)

Biologist and plant pathologist turned communicator, Nick Quist Nathaniels, lists communication habits – including his own – that have probably contributed to poor research uptake. Becoming more aware of these habits and of useful communication concepts and practical tools, and applying them in a development process, has shown potential to improve our engagement with the public and with decision makers. This can generate greater interest and participation in research and use of results. Examples are given, including the value of visual methods such as participatory video. A planning template is presented for integrating communication actions throughout a piece of research. The presentation also draws on recent work by DFID on research communication.

Seminar 3

Promoting food security of low-income women in central Uganda
- a new research project at the Global nutrition and Health programme, Metropolitan University College in Copenhagen

Date: Tuesday 16 December 2014, 4.30-6.00pm
Venue: Pustervig 8, 1126 Copenhagen K.

Presentation by Assoc.Prof. Lekunze Ransom Nambuanyi, Metropolitan University College in Copenhagen.