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Forum-Day Intercooperation

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Every year in August Intercooperation (IC) organizes a Forum-Day. This day is part of a week in which IC assembles head office and field staff in Switzerland to discuss development issues and institutional questions. The Forum-Day deals with a topic of specific interest to development practitioners. People beyond IC, particularly collaborators of SDC, of IC's foundation members, of sister NGOs and of consultants are also invited to the Forum-Day.

The topic of this year's forum is the practical application of knowledge management instruments in the natural resource domain. The examples presented deal with exchange of experiences over time and between geographical regions. IC is particularly interested in these issues because IC turns more and more into a knowledge organization, linking technical, methodological and context knowledge to operational know-how.

The crucial question is, how does knowledge generated elsewhere and in the past become useful and effective for IC's programmes and partners.

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**Regional exchange and
capitalization of experiences:
examples from the South**



*Wednesday, August 18, 2004,
09:00-13:30
Hotel Bern
Zeughausgasse 9, Bern*

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PROGRAMME

9.00 - 9.10

Welcome and introduction
(*Felix von Sury, Director IC*)

9.10 - 9.30

Frame setting
(*Marc Steinlin, Helvetas*)

9.30 - 10.45

4 summary presentations including questions for clarification:

- CALPI – India
(*Abraham Joseph*)
- SAAKTI – Bangladesh
(*Alain Cuvellier*)
- ASOCAM – Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia
(*Patricia Camacho*)
- INTERDEV – Mali
(*François Picard*)

10.45 - 11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15 - 11.45

Synthesis presentation
(*Thomas Stadtmüller, IC*)

11.45 – 12.45

Panel Discussion
(*Representatives from IC, Helvetas, CDE, LBL; facilitation by Annette Kolff, IC*)

12.45 – 13.30 **Standing lunch**

THE PRESENTED CASES

CALPI – India

(Capitalisation of Livestock Programme Experiences India)

CALPI is a programme focused on livestock-based livelihood systems in India. It aims to capitalize on SDC / IC's rich experiences in the livestock sector to significantly influence the economic, administrative and legal frame conditions in such a way that the priorities and challenges of the rural livelihood systems are effectively addressed and the rural poor, particularly women, benefit from emerging opportunities.

SAAKTI – Bangladesh

(Sustainable Access to Agroforestry Knowledge, Technology and Information)

SAAKTI aims at poor farmers having better access to agroforestry information and technology. The project encourages research institutions and universities to coordinate their efforts and to provide development and extension agencies with the results of the research in an appropriate form. The role of the project is that of a broker and facilitator. Stakeholders themselves define instruments of knowledge management which can ensure that technologies and information reach farmers in an appropriate and affordable way.

ASOCAM – Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia

(Agricultura Sostenible Campesina de Montaña)

ASOCAM constitutes a network of 38 organizations in Latin America working on the topic of sustainable agriculture in mountain areas. The network promotes joint experiences, mutual learning, reflection on and capitalization of experiences and knowledge sharing. Specific topics include market development for products, local governance, integrated crop and pest management, organic farming, agricultural advisory/extension methods and strategies, watershed management, participatory programme monitoring and evaluation.

INTERDEV – Mali

InterDev is a mutualist information service, which offers development practitioners validated references on experiences, techniques and methods in different thematic fields (e.g. food-processing, agro-ecological techniques). A network of practitioners from developed and developing countries produces and makes available operational information based on their practices. This information is organized in databases, accessible through a website which is set up as exchange platform.

Note: The first three cases relate to projects/mandates of SDC.

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