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 trainers; 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 Kassseah, 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