

Newsletter A+FS and e+i / July 2016

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Climate Change and Agriculture



The preamble of the [final agreement](#) text of the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris makes specific reference to “the fundamental priority of safeguarding food security and ending hunger, and the particular vulnerabilities of food production systems to the adverse impacts of climate change”. Several activities are currently going on in our network regarding climate change and food security. Check out this newsletter to keep yourself updated. Your comments and insights are welcome!

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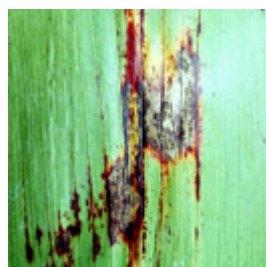
New GPFS@Work on Climate Smart Agriculture



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Manuel Flury has organized an e-discussion on a new factsheet (GPFS@Work) on Climate Smart Agriculture on our Shareweb. The comments made by members were highly appreciated. They will be integrated into the final document and will soon be ready to be used by SDC to brief staff on climate smart agriculture.

Innovative approaches for plant diseases control and food safety



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Dr. Mohamed Salem initiated a new e-discussion on innovative approaches in plant disease control for food safety. Pesticides used in agriculture can lead to health troubles. What are the new approaches we can provide to poor farmers in particular? You are invited to give your feedback!

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Dgroups is no longer used



Since July 1st the A+FS Network is no longer using dgroups. We have transferred all communication activities to the [Closed User Group \(CUG\)](#) of our Shareweb. In case you have not yet access to the CUG please contact the [web publisher](#).

Role of livestock in agricultural development



19 billion chicken - or three per person - , 1.4 billion cattle, 1 billion sheep and 1 billion pigs: the numbers of livestock are staggering. These animals are crucial for agricultural development. But, with numbers increasing in future, how is it possible to achieve sustainability in livestock systems? The new report of the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) investigates the issues and identifies pathways for better food security and nutrition.

The HLPE on Food Security and Nutrition is part of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). The CFS is an inclusive policy platform for food security-related issues and to the coordination role of the UN system. Switzerland

supports the CFS because it is a promising channel to promote a global architecture for food security and nutrition for all.

Full HLPE report PDF, 3960 KB / Summary and recommendations [fr][es] PDF, 260 KB

Appel d'offre en gouvernance agricole / Tender on agricultural governance



La Coopération suisse en Haïti (DDC) recherche un mandataire pour le nouveau Programme d'appui à une gouvernance agricole inclusive en Haïti (PAGAI). Ce programme de treize ans entend rapprocher les services et politiques agricoles aux besoins et initiatives des exploitations familiales. Les organisations paysannes seront ses acteurs principaux du programme. Le mandataire aura un rôle de facilitation et d'accompagnement.

Pour plus d'information : <https://www.simap.ch> > Rechercher: No. de la publication : 919315 / ID du projet : 141519. Veuillez-vous enregistrer sur <https://www.simap.ch> pour pouvoir télécharger les documents.

The Paris Climate Agreement: what it means for food and farming



This Info Note by the CGIAR (supported by GPFS) gives an overview of the collective outcomes and the opportunities for action on food and farming that arise from the CoP 21 Agreement in Paris.

Network Events | Your comments

F2F Meeting on Land Governance

5 to 9 September 2016, Sursee, Switzerland

We invite you to our F2F Meeting "Inclusive Land Governance: Road to a better life" that is the highlight of this year's learning journey!

[Check out the blog on the learning journey >>](#)

[Registration, Program and Logistics >>](#)

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Fachtagung: Ökologische Landwirtschaft in Afrika

5. September 2015, Bern, Schweiz

Das A+FS Netzwerk der DEZA organisiert zusammen mit SWISSAID eine Fachtagung mit dem Titel "Ökologische Landwirtschaft in Afrika". Im Hinblick auf diese Veranstaltung wurde auf dem A+FS Shareweb ein Blog zum SDG2 eingerichtet, dessen Resultate in die Fachtagung einfließen werden.

[Provisorisches Programm und weitere Informationen >>](#)

[SDG 2 Blog \(Kommentare erwünscht\) >>](#)

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MARLENE HEEB

Program Officer GPFS and Coordinator Nutrition working group, SDC Bern

What is your background and your current job?

I studied Biology and International Management. I am currently working as a program officer in the Global Program Food Security at the SDC head quarter in Bern. There, I coordinate the SDC working group on Nutrition; representatives from various divisions participate, as nutrition is a truly multi-sectorial topic. The group aims at integrating nutrition aspects adequately into project designs and country strategies by facilitating knowledge exchange within SDC and A+FS network. Current Members are: Martina Durrer (Humanitarian Aid, Africa), Jaqueline Birrer (Humanitarian Aid, Multilateral), Katharina Jenny (Great Lakes), Beatrice Indermühle (Humanitarian Aid, Africa), Markus Bürli (Global Program Water Initiatives), Phillippe Puyo (Global Institutions UNICEF), Jean-Mathieu Bloch (Education, West Africa), Jacques Mader (Global Program Health), Caro Van Leeuwen (Global Program Health), Sonia Carlotti (Institutional Partnerships), and Renate Lefroy (Regional Cooperation, South Asia).

For how long have you been in your current job and what are your tasks? What was your previous job?

I have been working at SDC for three years. Besides coordinating the working group on nutrition there are several projects and policy processes regarding nutrition in my responsibility ([SN4A](#), [NMA](#), [SUN](#)) as well as programs regarding research for development ([YPARD](#), [SFIAR](#), [r4d Module Food Security](#)). Before joining SDC I gathered experience in humanitarian work, project implementation in the field of development cooperation and beyond as well as vocational training.

What do you love about your work, what is special about it?

Nutrition is a fascinating topic, important to everybody, every day and anywhere on the globe. Keeping a strategic approach to challenges for identifying potential solutions fits very well with my interests and strengths.

What are your interests and expectations towards the A+FS Network?

I hope network members far beyond the working group on nutrition will continue to gain interest in nutrition topics and exchange knowledge and experiences to improve our work at SDC further. To facilitate this exchange, we launched the [focus area nutrition](#). Our first activity on the shareweb was to consult the position paper "[GPFS@Work: Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture and Food Systems](#)" that provides support on how to shape interventions for better nutrition outcomes