



14 October 2009, 17:00 – 19:30
Universität für Bodenkultur Wien

Seeking opportunities in times of crises

A colloquium to inaugurate the
Centre for Development Research



Background

The great majority of poor and food insecure people in developing countries depend on natural resources, such as land, water, plants, livestock, and fisheries. Increasing environmental degradation, climate change and economic inequalities between rich and poor are jeopardising peoples' ability to live secure and healthy lives. In the long run, this will result in

a widening global divide, leading to unknown tensions affecting us all.

The challenge ahead is to implement effective strategies and policies that ensure access to natural resources, the right to food, human health, equal market opportunities, and well-being. BOKU and its partners are already



developing practical theories that work for vulnerable users of natural resources. Through the opening of the Centre for Development Research we will strengthen this role. This colloquium, which marks the inauguration of the centre, asks what science can contribute to effective partnerships for overcoming local and global crises.

It's science.

Knowledge that makes a difference





Programme

17:00 - 17:15 ■ Welcome

Institutionalising a commitment: applied development research at BOKU. *Martin Gerzabek (BOKU | Austria), Monika Sieghardt (BOKU | Austria), Hartmut Kahlert (Graz University of Technology | Austria)*

17:15 - 17:30 ■ Keynote Speech

Challenges for research and development in times of multiple crises. *Didier Pillot (Montpellier SupAgro | France)*

17:30 - 18:00 ■ Snapshots

Turning challenges into opportunities for sustainable development. *Willibald Loiskandl, Lisa Aigelsperger, Georg Gratzner, Werner Zollitsch, Roland Linzner (BOKU | Austria)*

18:00 - 18:20 ■ Strategies

The Centre for Development Research - an attempt to strengthen scientific collaboration across disciplines and stakeholders. *Michael Hauser (BOKU | Austria)*

18:20 - 18:30 ■ Global views

Overcoming crises. A kaleidoscope of opinions from around the world. *Ataharul Chowdhury (BOKU | Austria and Bangladesh)*

18:30 - 19:30 ■ Round table

Effective development partnerships – what can science contribute? *Esau Galukande (BOKU | Austria and Uganda), Ruth Picker (Global Responsibility | Austria), Martin Gerzabek (BOKU | Austria), Paul Van Mele (WARDA | Benin), Barbara Weitgruber (BMWF | Austria)*

19:30 - 21:00 ■ Reception

Moderation by Petra C. Gruber

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Venue and registration

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