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r4d (Research for Development) Programme Conference

Job Creation and Conditions for a Social and Environmental Impact

Discussion of Results from Current Research on Labour Markets

October 28th, 2021, 2:30–6 pm CEST/GMT+2

Hybrid conference: University of Lausanne, Switzerland (UNIL, Amphimax) and online

Goal: Explore the findings of r4d research in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Ghana and Switzerland on job creation and employment conditions, and examine their impact for future projects within the International Cooperation community.

5 GENDER EQUALITY | 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

PROGRAMME

Opening Speakers

- **Caroline Revaz**, Swiss Politician, Member of the Green Liberal Party, Scientific Advisor at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)
- **Santosh Mehrotra**, Visiting Professor, Centre for Development Studies, University of Bath, UK

RESEARCH RESULTS

The results are presented in panel discussions by researchers involved in recent studies carried out in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Ghana and other partner countries of the r4d programme. The panels are enlivened by short films on research findings and interactive breakout sessions, enabling active participant engagement.

RESEARCH FINDINGS AND FILMS

TEXTILE

Skills for Industry – Bangladesh

- **Markus Maurer**, Professor of Vocational Education, PHZH, Zurich, Switzerland
- **Atonu Rabbani**, Professor, BRAC University, Sylhet, Bangladesh
  Atonu Rabbani also acts as a research partner for the Skills for Industry Project.

AGRAR

Feminisation, Agricultural Transition and Rural Employment – Bolivia

- **Sabin Bieri**, Director, Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), Bern, Switzerland
- **Elizabeth Jiménez**, Coordinator of the Multidisciplinary Doctorate in Development Sciences, Bolivia

DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

MODERNIZATION, PROFESSIONALIZATION, PRODUCTIVITY INCREASE: WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS, TRADE POLICIES, FORMAL AND INFORMAL SECTORS: WHAT CONDITIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR A POSITIVE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT?

PANEL 1

Daniel Hitzig, Moderator, Editor, Consultant, Switzerland

- **Atonu Rabbani**, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- **Sabin Bieri**, Director, Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), Bern, Switzerland
- **Valérie Berset Bircher**, Ambassador, SECO, Switzerland

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- **Nicolas Depetris Chauvin**, Professor of International Economics, HEG, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Mina Baliamoune-Lutz**, Richard de Raismes Kip Professor, University of North Florida
- **Annick Vollmar**, Senior Advisor on Market Systems and Value Chain Development, Helvetas, Switzerland

ACTIVISTS' STATEMENTS

- **Dan-Thomas Elbaum**, Student International Relations, UNIGE; Member of Green Switzerland
- **Jessica Gauch**, Researcher, PhD candidate, UNIFR, Switzerland

DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

FUTURE CHANGES
HOW CAN THE RESEARCH RESULTS INFLUENCE PROJECTS IN THE FIELD AND INITIATIVES OF IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES, NGOs AND THE DONOR COMMUNITY?

PANEL 2

Daniel Hitzig, Moderator, Editor, Consultant, Switzerland

- **Hans-Peter Egler**, Director Sustainable Infrastructure, South Pole, Switzerland
- **Mina Baliamoune-Lutz**, Kip Professor of Economics and Distinguished Professor at the University of North Florida, USA
- **Guido Beltrani**, Co-Head, Expert Team Inclusive Economic Development, SDC, Switzerland
- **Hilda Liswani**, Tech4Dev Sustainability Engagement Manager, EPFL, Switzerland

WHAT'S NEXT?

Take Aways and Future Direction | Interactive plenary discussion

Moderated by

- **Irenka Krone-Germann**, Co-Head of Networks, Knowledge Management and Communication, cinfo, Switzerland
- **Hans Peter Egler**, Director Sustainable Infrastructure, Public Sector, South Pole, Switzerland

Closing statements and key messages

Costs

Hybrid event: Join us onsite (90 CHF / Students 40 CHF) or online (80 CHF / Students 30 CHF). Waivers available.

More info and registration at r4dconference.ch

The event is followed by an aperitif for those joining onsite.