

Knowledge and Change

Theory and practice of development dilemmas
The Hague, 29 September - 1 October 2010

Guiding questions:

How do citizens engage with power?
Which new change agents really matter?
How does knowledge trigger social change?

Wednesday 29 September

09.00 Registration and coffee

09.45 -11.00 Opening Session

- Welcome by **Manuela Monteiro**, Executive Director, Hivos
- **Short video Knowledge & Change**
- Opening address by **Michael Edwards**, Future Positive
- Responses from the audience

11.00 Short Break

11.15 -12.45 Plenary session **Knowledge, Pluralism and Transformative Action**

Contributions by Sitharamam Kakarala (Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Henk Manschot and Caroline Suransky (Kosmopolis Institute, UvH), Arturo Argueta (la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México) and Mohamed Shariff (Kabarole Research and Resource Centre).

12.45 Lunch & market

14.00 – 15.45 Parallel sessions

- **Parallel session 1: Mapping and Interpreting Indonesian Diversity: Knowledge and intervention**
Contributions by Zainal Abidin Bagir (Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies), Ari Dwipayana (Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Gadjah Mada University) and Mustaghfiroh Rahayu (CRCS).
- **Parallel session 2: Pluralism in India: Knowledge, action and intervention**
Contributions by Sitharamam Sitharamam Kakarala (Centre for the Study of Culture and Society - CSCS), Shahrukh Alam (CSCS and Patna Collective), Khalid Anis Ansari (Patna Collective) and Elizabeth Thomas (CSCS).
- **Parallel session 3: Pluralism in Uganda: Perceptions and Controversies**
Contributions by Stella Laloyo (Institute for Peace and Strategy Studies, Gulu University), Arthur Larok (Uganda National NGO Forum), Jimmy Ssentongo (Uganda Martyrs University), John De Coninck (The Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda).
- **Parallel session 4: Perspectives and knowledge in the realm of small holders, markets and globalisation**
Contributions by Diego Muñoz (Mainumby-Ñakurutú), Sudhirendar Sharma (ENRAP), Falguni Guharay (SIMAS), Lorenzo Castillo (Junta del Café).
- **15.45 -17.00 Parallel sessions Knowledge Café & Launch of *Development Journal* volume 53 no 3 on Sustaining Local Economies**
Contributions to the café by Marten van den Berge and Giancarlo Cornejo Salinas (Programa Democracia y Transformation Global). The launch is hosted by Wendy Harcourt (Editor of *Development*) and Josine Stremmelaar (Hivos).

18.00 Dinner hosted by the Institute of Social Studies

Thursday 30 September

09.00 Registration and coffee

09.30 -11.00 The Politics of Knowledge

Contributions by Yulia Poskakukhina, Gina Vargas (Center for the Peruvian Women "Flora Tristán"), Kees Biekart (ISS), Josine Stremmelaar (Hivos).

11.00 Short Break

11.15 -12.45 Plenary session Knowledge debate: Old issues, new actors and unusual suspect

Contributions by Steven Heydemann (US Institute of Peace), Ria Brouwers (Institute of Social Studies), Marlies Glasius (University of Amsterdam), Salam Kawakibi (Arab Reform Initiative and University of Amsterdam), Juan Tiney (Indigenous Peasant Organization) and Zaheera Jinnah (Forced Migration Study Centre).

12.45 Lunch & market

14.00 – 15.45 Parallel sessions

➤ **Parallel session 1: When civics go governance – a critical analysis of the role of NGOs in Southern and Eastern Africa**

Contributions by Ria Brouwers (Institute of Social Studies), Rose Namara, Hermine Engel (Planact) and Remko Berkhout (Hivos).

➤ **Parallel session 2: The dynamics of social movements and citizenship**

Contributions by Margarita Salas (Cooperativa Sula Batsú, Costa Rica), Leonardo Merino (Researcher-activist), Juanita Jimenez (Feminist activist, MAM Nicaragua), Elvira Cuadra (CINCO), Maria Elena Morales (MAM), José Roberto Morales (CALDH), Zoila Francisca (Community activist), Juan Tiney (CONIC)

➤ **Parallel session 3: The upgrading and resilience of authoritarian regimes & international context**

Contributions by Marlies Glasius (UvA), Steven Heydemann (USIP), Reinoud Leenders (UvA) Yulia Poskakukhina (EuropeAid)

➤ **Parallel session 4: Perspectives and Prospects for Civic Engagement through Internet**

Contributions by Francesco Cavatorta (University of Dublin and University of Amsterdam), Salam Kawakibi (Arab Reform Initiative and University of Amsterdam), Maboubeh Abbasgholizadeh (scholar and activist) and Fieke Jansen (Hivos).

15.45 -17.00 Open Space & opening Photo Exposition 'A year in Iran'

19.00 Food for Thought: dinner

Friday 1 October

09.00 Registration and coffee

09.30 - 11.00 Plenary session: The Practice of Knowledge & Change

Contributions by Nishant Shah (CIS), Ram Kakarala (CSCS), José Manuel Valverde (Hivos), Wenny Ho, Kees Biekart (ISS) and Josine Stremmelaar (Hivos)

11.00 Short Break

11.15 - 12.45 Plenary session: Practice of Knowledge & Change (continued)

12.45 Lunch

14.00 – 15:30 Feed forward session

Contributions by Ben Witjes (Hivos) and four 'trackers'.

15.30 Short break

15.45 Encounters & drinks

16.30 Informal closure

18.00 Informal dinner in cultural setting with guests (optional)