

From the North-South Centre to ETH Global

As of August 1, 2012, International Institutional Affairs (IIA) and the North-South Centre merge into a new unit „ETH Global“. This permits the identification of new strategic priorities with added-value for the ETH Zurich, and allows consistent communication on international affairs. The new unit will be part of the President's office. Consequently, the activities related to developing countries will receive increased strategic relevance and visibility. At this year's annual conference of the North-South Centre, we will celebrate the inauguration of ETH Global.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

North-South Centre

Gender perspectives in research for development

Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 9:00 – 18:00 h

ETH Zurich, Main Building, Audimax, HG F 30
Rämistrasse 101, Zurich

Admission: Free entrance, no registration required
Conference language: English



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Gender perspectives in research for development (R4D)

In the development discourse gender issues have always played an important role. The World Bank has devoted its latest World Development Report to the topic, shedding light on the progress made in recent years and the challenges to be met in the future. Gender has been recognised as a researchable issue to improve the quality of results in several fields of science. Urban sanitation and communal development cannot be adequately planned if the specific needs of women are left out. Direct links between the health and economic independence of mothers and the cognitive development of their children have been confirmed. The topic of women's land rights is another well-established strand of research. This conference will highlight selected fields of research in science and engineering where, in recent years, the gender issue has been (re)discovered to provide sound scientific results.

9:00 Arrival and coffee

9:15 Welcome and opening address
Renate Schubert, Gender Delegate to the President of ETH Zurich

Setting the scene

Session chair: Isabel Günther, ETH Zurich

9:30 Promoting women's well-being and empowerment for economic development
Stephan Klasen, University of Göttingen, Germany

10:15 Does development favour gender justice? Looking back, current trends and future challenges
Annemarie Sançar, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

11:00 Coffee break

Food and health

Session chair: Margrit Leuthold, ETH Zurich

11:30 Tackling malnutrition through better food, care and health: Gender considerations for programme design and research
Victoria Quinn, Helen Keller International, USA

11:50 Who produces healthy food for the rural and urban poor? Gender, innovation, and agrobiodiversity in small-scale farming
Pablo Eyzaguirre, Bioversity, Italy

12:10 Lunch break

Natural resource management and agriculture

Session chair: Peter Edwards, ETH Zurich

13:10 Improving food security: Empowering women and girls
Catherine Bertini, Syracuse University New York, USA

13:30 Underlying factors for gender inequality in African agriculture
Chinwe Ifejika Speranza, University of Bern and German Development Institute

Sanitation and water

Session chair: Janet Hering, Eawag

14:00 Women, water and sanitation: Rights, responsibilities and ramifications
Sylvia Chant, London School of Economics, UK

14:20 Gender dimensions of sustainable sanitation in Africa: Evidence from the field and areas for further research
Rosemary Rop, Water and Sanitation Program Africa, World Bank, Kenya

14:40 Water, women and development: Lessons from an empirical analysis of rural Benin
Isabel Günther, ETH Zurich

15:00 Coffee break

Improving research by including gender perspectives

Facilitator: Thomas Streiff, BHP – Brugger und Partner, Switzerland

15:45 Panel discussion

- Catherine Bertini, Syracuse University New York, USA
- Sabin Bieri, University of Bern
- Sylvia Chant, London School of Economics, UK
- Pablo Eyzaguirre, Bioversity, Italy

16:45 Wrap-up and closing remarks
Barbara Becker, Managing Director of the North-South Centre

17:00 Inauguration of ETH Global

17:30 Apéro