



Invitation

Towards a workable approach to mainstream gender in natural resources management

**Wednesday, 14 September 2011
9.30 - 12.30 hr**

**Openbare Bibliotheek Amsterdam (OBA)
Oosterdoksstraat 110, Amsterdam
Haasse/Vestdijk zaal**

Amsterdam, August 2011

Dear Madam, Sir,

Both ENDS and partner organisation Amichocó (Colombia), BARCIK (Bangladesh) and ANCE (Togo) acknowledge the important role of gender inequality in our work on environmental and development issues. At the same time, we want to improve our efforts to address this inequality. Key challenges we meet include the lack of sufficient time and resources for a genuine gender analysis; the difficulty to question power relations as they are deeply embedded in the social and cultural structures of the communities we work with; and the fact that gender tools and guidelines are often too general to apply to a specific context.

To tackle these challenges, we jointly set out to test a practical approach to mainstream gender in our work on natural resources management, each in its specific context and based on its specific ambition.

Amichocó developed a documentary about the realities of women working in the Colombian Chocó region, to raise awareness and start a discussion about gender roles in the communities with whom Amichocó works on environmental projects. In the Sundarbans in Bangladesh, BARCIK facilitated enhanced knowledge about rights and opportunities for women to benefit equally as men from the collection, production and marketing of non-timber forest products. In Togo, ANCE focuses on national legislation as a way to ensure men and women can equally access and participate in decision-making over the use of water.

Given our recent discussions with you and other organisations interested in, or working on gender mainstreaming, we like to share and discuss our first results and see in what way we can continue improving together. We therefore hope you can join us on September 14th in the workshop: *Towards a workable approach to mainstream gender in natural resources management*, and share your thoughts.

Below you will find the programme of the morning. Please could you confirm your participation by sending an email to Jorieke Kloek, j.kloek@bothends.org. For any further questions, you can contact me at ad@bothends.org, t: +31 20 5306628.

We are looking forward to your presence and a lively discussion!

With kind regards,

Also on behalf of Amichocó, BARCIK and ANCE,

Annelieke Douma
Both ENDS

Programme: Wednesday morning, September 14th 2011

9.30 – 9.35	Welcome by Danielle Hirsch, director Both ENDS
9.35 – 9.50	Why this initiative? by Annelieke Douma, Both ENDS
9.50 – 10.20	The Colombian experience by Yurani Monsalve, Amichocó (including short film and questions for clarification)
10.20 – 10.50	Lessons from Togo by Ebeh Adeyade Kodjo, Togo (including questions for clarification)
10.50 – 11.00	<i>Coffee / tea break</i>
11.00 – 11.30	The Bangladeshi gender process by Sen Sukanta, Bangladesh (including questions for clarification)
11.30 – 12.20	What do you think? Discussion facilitated by Irene Dankelman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>How workable is this approach to mainstream gender?</i> ➤ <i>In what way can you benefit from or help improve the approach?</i> ➤ <i>What are opportunities for cooperation?</i>
12.20 – 12.30	Wrap up and way forward

Note: An English-Spanish interpreter will be present

Lunch tip: you can join us in restaurant La Place on the 7th floor in OBA

Route description OBA

Openbare Bibliotheek Amsterdam
(Walking distance from Amsterdam Central Station)
Oosterdokskade 143, 1011 DL Amsterdam

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