

Workshop on Agricultural Services, Decentralization, and Local Governance

Coconut Grove Regency Hotel
June 3rd 2010

8:30-9:00 **Registration**

9:00-9:30 **Opening Ceremony**
Welcoming Remarks: Shashi Kolavalli
Workshop Overview: Regina Birner

Part I: Agriculture:

9:30-9:40 **Achieving a Smallholder Based Green Revolution: What Investments are Needed?**
Presenter: Tewodaj Mogues
Background Paper: Reaching Middle Income Status in Ghana by 2015: Public Expenditures and Agricultural Growth
Authors: Tewodaj Mogues, Sam Benin, Godsway Cudjoe, and Josee Randriamamonjy

9:40-9:50 **The Business Climate for Smallholder Farmers and for Agribusiness Enterprises: What are the Opportunities and Constraints?**
Presenter: Felix Asante and Shashi Kolavalli
Background Paper: The Business Climate for Smallholder Agriculture in Ghana: Results of a Farm Households Survey in six Districts.
Authors: Peter Gaff, Regina Birner, and Felix Asante

9:50-10:00 **Agricultural Extension: How can its Potential be used for Agricultural Productivity?**
Presenters: Cory Belden and Regina Birner
Background Paper: Agricultural Extension in Ghana: Results from a Survey of Agricultural Extension Agents in Six Districts
Authors: Cory Belden, Regina Birner, Felix Asante, and Leah Horowitz

10:00-10:10 **Improving Access to Fertilizer: Lessons Learned and Policy Options**
Presenter: Afua B. Banful
Background Paper: Operational Details of the 2008 Fertilizer Subsidy in Ghana – Preliminary Report
Author: Afua B. Banful

10:10-10:20 **Increasing Access to Irrigation: Lessons Learned from Investing in Small Reservoirs in the Upper East Region**
Presenter: Regina Birner
Background Paper: Challenge Program on Water and Food: Final Report of Project No. 40
Authors: Governance and Modeling Author Team

10:20-10:40 **Coffee/ Tea Break**

10:40-11:30 **Small group discussions on Extension, Fertilizer Subsidies, and Irrigation**

11:30-1:00 **Plenary Session**
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1:00-2:00 **Lunch**

Part II: Decentralization and Local Governance

2:00-2:10 **Opening Remarks** – Felix Asante

2:10-2:20 **Understanding Disparities in Public Service Provision across Districts**

Presenter: Kamiljon T. Akramov

Background Paper: Decentralization and Local Public Services in Ghana: Do Geography and Ethnic Diversity Matter?

Authors: Kamiljon T. Akramov and Felix Asante

2:20-2:30 **Providing Access to Safe Drinking Water: What role do Water and Sanitation Committees Play?**

Presenter: Felix Asante

Background Paper: What role do Water and Sanitation Committees Play?: Results of a Survey

Authors: Yan Sun, Felix Asante, and Regina Birner

2:30-2:40 **Using a Formula to Allocate the District Assembly Common Fund: Does it Limit Political Influence?**

Presenter: Afua B. Banful

Background Paper: Do Institutions Limit Clientelism? A Study of the District Assemblies Common Fund in Ghana

Author: Afua B. Banful

2:40-2:50 **Allocating Public Resources among Communities within Districts: What Role do Politics Play?**

Presenter: Regina Birner

Background Paper: What Role Do Political Factors Play in the Allocation of Public Resources to Communities Within Districts?

Authors: Nethra Palaniswamy and Leah Horowitz

2:50-3:00 **Incentives to Raise Revenues at the District Level: The Role of External Grants**

Presenter: Tewodaj Mogues

Background Paper: Do External Grants to District Governments Discourage Own-Revenue Generation? A Look at Local Public Finance Dynamics in Ghana

Authors: Tewodaj Mogues, Sam Benin, and Godsway Cudjoe

3:00-3:20 **Coffee/Tea Break**

3:20–4:10 **Small Group Discussions on Decentralization and Local Governance**

4:10-5:30 **Plenary Session**

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5:30-6:00 **Closing Remarks**

6:00-7:30 **Reception**