Nine projects granted to tackle global challenges

Nine projects were selected to receive funding in the frame of a joint SDG research programme of NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development and seven Dutch research organisations. Funding is made available for use-inspired research to the benefit of the most vulnerable people in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs).

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Six projects on assumptions underlying civil society framework

Six projects have been granted under the research programme ‘Supporting the political role of CSOs for inclusive development; Assumptions underlying Dialogue and Dissent’. This research programme aims to strengthen the evidence-base of the core assumptions of the Theory of Change (ToC) underlying the new civil society policy framework ‘Dialogue and Dissent’ (D&D) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The INCLUDE knowledge platform has been commissioned to design and organise knowledge brokering activities.

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SuRe kick-off: Promoting synergy among the projects

Mid-September, the Science for Using Research (SURe) kick-off meeting of the three granted projects took place in Cape Town, South Africa. It was a fruitful first exploration of the common ground of, and potential synergies between, the projects. The SURe programme focuses on the effectiveness of the NWO-WOTRO activities that stimulate the use of existing knowledge on knowledge brokering and unlock this knowledge to beneficiaries.

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Research & Policy: two peas in a pod?

The conference "Research & Policy: two peas in a pod? A dialogue for food security impact" was a major step in improving the link between research and policy. In particular between the (interim) results of the research projects funded within the Food & Business Applied Research Fund (ARF) and the Global Challenges Programme (GCP), and Dutch policy in the field of Food and Nutrition Security and private sector development.

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Climate change as essential part of policy, planning and natural resource management

On 7 November the consortia of four research projects of the NWO-WOTRO research programme Conflict and Cooperation in the Management in Climate Change (CCMCC) gathered in Kathmandu to present their findings of four years of research. In the audience were representatives from governmental agencies, NGOs and community-based organisations to hear about the results and the recommendations from the four Nepali-focused research consortia.

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Food & Business Global Challenges Programme granted projects

WOTRO Science for Global Development, in collaboration with the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) and the Food & Business Knowledge Platform, granted eight projects in the fourth call within the Global Challenges Programme (GCP), which is part of Food & Business Research. The call focused on scaling up climate-smart agriculture.

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Developing research for the Sustainable Development Goals

The mobilisation of knowledge for achieving sustainable development (the SDGs) keeps many of us busy. What knowledge is already there, which should be developed? What is already happening and what should happen? And how can we achieve more cooperation for more connection and impact? SDG experts from Dutch knowledge institutions, members from Het Groene Brein and other experts worked on these issues at 31 October at Het Groene Brein Festijn.

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CCMCC at the Development & Climate Days 2017

During the Development & Climate Days – a side event of COP23 in Bonn – seven research projects from the NWO/DFID funded Conflict and Cooperation in the Management of Climate Change (CCMCC) programme presented their results in a joint session.

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The value of knowledge for evaluation

On 29 September 2017, Vice Versa - together with the IOB, Wageningen University and Research and NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development - organised the 'Learning from Evaluation' meeting. The closing panel of the day also concluded that evaluation is not only a skill, but also an art. The evaluation process could be more creative, also because the results of evaluations are difficult to express in figures. We could perform experiments and qualitative research more often. Day chairman Ruerd Ruben concluded with the essentials: stimulating more creativity and diversity.

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