



Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung Center for Development
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ZEF-GDLN Global Dialogue: Impact of Information and Communication Technologies on Rural Households and SMEs

The Center for Development Research (ZEF) has been one of the first movers in the field of research on information and communication technologies (ICTs) for development. The ZEF research program on ICTs for development has raised probing questions and provided valuable insights for the debates among academics and policy makers since 1998. Founded on the underlying conviction in the role of information and knowledge as a remedy to poverty, the research program focused on the role of ICTs for the poor and poverty alleviation. As a natural corollary, the research concentrated on households in rural areas and small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in developing countries considering that improvement in the performance of these actors would eventually lead to effective poverty reduction and a widely shared development. Developmental stage varies across countries, and therefore, empirical studies should be validated by being replicated in different contexts. ZEF research program has conducted similar studies in Bangladesh, China, Ghana, India, Lao PDR, Kenya, Peru, Tanzania, Uganda and Uzbekistan to provide empirical evidences on the role of ICTs in development process.

As a member to the Global Development Learning Network, ZEF is planning a Global Dialogue on ICTs for Development through the vast learning partnership. The Global Dialogue will provide an opportunity (1) to disseminate the results from the ZEF research group among concerned parties including academics and policy makers (2) to initiate discussions on key issues, and (3) facilitate exchange of ideas among different parties. It will consist of two sessions taking place on December 16 and December 18, 2002. The first session (Dec. 16) will focus on ICT and households (cases from Ghana and Lao PDR), while the second one (Dec. 18) will refer to ICT and SMEs (Uzbekistan and Indian cases).

On the special occasion, you are cordially invited to participate by accessing one the locations advised herewith.

Schedule

DECEMBER 16 - 07:00 - 09:00 EST Washington time

Participating Parties: ZEF, Bonn (Germany) - Primary Site <13:00-15:00>
Ghana DLC <12:00-14:00>
Peru DLC* <07:00-09:00> or Ethiopia* <15:00-17:00>

DECEMBER 18 - 04:00 - 06:00 EST Washington time

Participating Parties: ZEF, Bonn (Germany) - Primary Site <10:00-12:00>
India KLC* <14:30-16:30>
Tanzania DLC <12:00-14:00>
Uzbekistan WBO* <14:00-16:00>

<Local time>

* site to be confirmed

Locations of Participating Parties (Regional Activity Locations for the Global Development Learning Network, GDLN)

Household Session (Dec. 16)

Ghana

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Ethiopia or Peru – will be confirmed shortly

SME Session (Dec. 18)

Tanzania

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