



### Upcoming events

#### Risk and Uncertainty Lecture with Paul Walker

Wednesday, April 9, at 6 - 7.30 p.m. [[more](#)]

**ZEF at GWSP conference** on Sustainability in the Water-Energy-Food Nexus in Bonn, May 19-20. [[more](#)]

**ZEF at Dies Academicus** of Bonn University  
Wednesday, May 21.

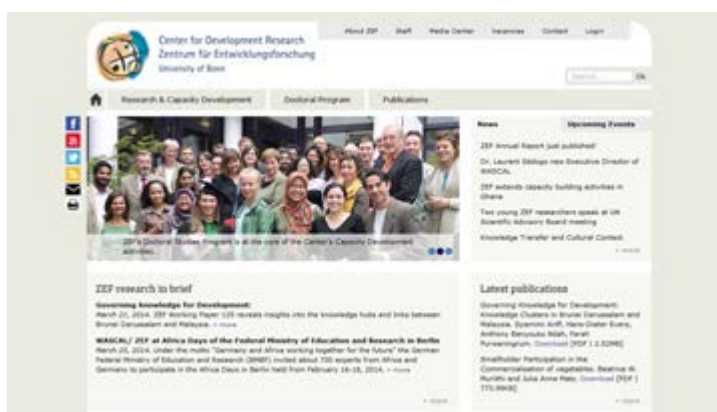
**ZEF at Science Night** of Bonn University. Friday, May 23, 6 p.m.

**ZEF to become Global Secretariat of Right Livelihood Campus Official inauguration** ceremony on Monday, May 26, at 5 p.m. at the Old City Hall of Bonn

#### ZEF Annual Report 2012/2013 published



In focus: One health Download the full report [[download](#)]



#### ZEF launched his new website

ZEF redesigned and restructured its Website. We hope you enjoy the journey! You can take a look at the new site under the same address: [www.zef.de](http://www.zef.de).



**Dr. Laurent Sédogo** new Executive Director of [WASCAL](#) as of February 14, 2014. Watch the interview with WASCAL's new director [here](#).



#### WASCAL/ZEF at Africa Days in Berlin

ZEF/WASCAL researchers and directors participated in the Africa Days in Berlin, March 16-18, organized by BMBF. ZEF-director Prof. Joachim von Braun gave a key note. Find more information [here](#).

### NEWS

#### ZEF extends capacity building activities in Ghana



The Ghanaian-German Center for Development Studies (GGCDS), funded by DAAD and run by ZEF and ISSER, will receive funding for another five years (2014-2018). [[more](#)]

#### ZEF initiates new research on bioenergy

The research is funded by BMZ and will



focus on bioenergy, bioeconomy and food security. [[more](#)]

### ZEF inaugurated as International Secretariat of Global Hort



On March 27, 2014 ZEF and the Global Crop Diversity Trust organized a public lecture and panel discussion with Colin Khoury from the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). [[more](#)]

### Two Water Lectures in March



Two Water lectures were held at ZEF. One about Turkey on March 12 [[more](#)], and one on the occasion of World Water Day (March 20) on the nexus of water and energy. [[more](#)]

### Conference about bridging the gaps between research and development practice at ZEF



On February 25 researchers met with representatives of ministries and practitioners in the field of development policy and cooperation to discuss how to bridge the gaps between research and development. [[more](#)]

### Risk and Uncertainty Lecture

Ruben Carranza, Director of the Reparative Justice Program at the International Center for Transitional Justice, spoke about achievements and dilemmas faced by reparative justice on February 13. [[more](#)]

### Two young ZEF researchers spoke at UN Scientific Advisory Board meeting



At the United Nations Scientific Advisory Board, which was held in Berlin on January 30-31, Evita Pangaribowo and Rapti Siriwardane-de Zoysa were among the six young researchers invited to talk to the Board. [[more](#)]

### Inauguration lecture of ZEF's new director Professor Christian Borgemeister



Professor Borgemeister started working at ZEF's Department of Ecology and Natural Resources Management in October 2013 and held his official inauguration lecture on January 21, 2014. Watch the [inauguration talk](#) on ZEF's youtube channel.

### **ZEF is the new International Secretariat of Global Hort**



On January 13, ZEF was announced officially host of the international secretariat of [Global Hort](#). The inauguration lecture was held by J.D.H. Keatinge, Director General of The World Vegetable Center ([AVRDC](#)), at ZEF on January 13, 2014. Watch his lecture on ZEF's youtube-channel [here](#).

## **DOCTORAL DEFENSES**

**Balancing water availability and water demand in the Blue Nile: A case study of Gumara watershed in Ethiopia.** By Sisay Demeku Derib on Monday, March 31.

**Efficient water allocation and water conservation policy modeling in the Aral Sea Basin.** By Maksud Bekchanov on Wednesday, March 26.

**Trees, crops, and rural livelihoods: Afforestation of marginal croplands in Uzbekistan.** By Utkur Djanibekov on Wednesday, March 26.

**Life cycle assessment of carbon and energy balances in Jatropha production systems of Burkina Faso.** By Sophia Baumert on Friday, January 10.

**International Development and Research in Central Asia: Exploring the Knowledge-based Social Organization of Gender.** By Elena Kim on Wednesday, January 8.

## **NEW PUBLICATIONS**

### **ZEF Working Papers**

125 **Governing knowledge for Development: Knowledge Clusters in Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia.** 2014. Syamimi Ariff, Hans-Dieter Evers, Anthony Banyouko Ndah, Farah Purwaningrum [[download](#)]

124 **Blame it on the community, immunize the state and the international agencies.** 2013. V.S. Saravanan. [[download](#)]

### **ZEF Discussion Papers**

188 **On the economics of others. 2014.** Oded Stark [[download](#)]

187 **The influence of biofuels, economic and financial factors on daily returns of commodity futures prices. 2014.** Bernardina Algieri [[download](#)]

186 **Transgenic Crops, Production Risk, and Agrobiodiversity. 2014.** Vijesh Krishna, Matin Qaim and David Zilberman [[download](#)]

185 **Smallholder Participation in the Commercialisation of Vegetables: Evidence from Kenyan Panel Data. 2014.** Beatrice W. Muriithi and Julia Anna Matz [[download](#)]

184 **Reconciling the Rawlsian and the utilitarian approaches to the maximization of social welfare. 2014.** Oded Stark, Marcin Jakubek and Fryderyk Falniowski [[download](#)]

### **ZEF Policy Briefs**

10 **Economics of Land Degradation in Eastern Africa. 2014.** Oliver Kirui and Alisher Mirzabaevk [[download](#)]