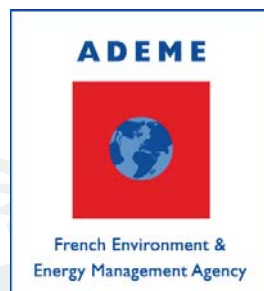


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Encouraging sustainable development through climate solidarity

Climate change has become such an urgent issue that we now need to rethink development, in both industrialized and developing countries. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and decreasing the vulnerability of the world's poorest communities are the **two pillars of Climate Solidarity** that GERES advocates in all its work.

Since 1976, GERES has coordinated and developed **programs aiming to alleviate poverty while fighting climate change**. In Afghanistan, more than 170,000 m² of energy-efficient, bioclimatic buildings have been constructed to house hospitals, schools, offices and homes. In Cambodia, over 800,000 fuel-efficient cookstoves have been distributed nationwide; while in Africa, multifunction energy platforms running on Jatropha-based biofuel are being set up to promote rural development in a sustainable manner. In Ladakh, India, income generating activities using renewable energy sources (solar, hydro, etc.) have been implemented with local NGOs. **Social benefits** of these actions are numerous: job creation, reduction of energy poverty, income generation and the empowerment of women, to name a few.

Climate Solidarity means making a commitment to support development projects which reduce greenhouse gas emissions and have a strong social impact. It implies first making efforts to **reduce our own impact on the environment**. Consequently, GERES assists community and development organizations in this approach by offering expertise in carbon auditing and finance, and by helping corporations and institutions offset their greenhouse gas emissions as they move towards sustainable development policies that will ultimately reduce emissions at the source.

At COP15, GERES will demonstrate its commitment in three main areas:

- Climate Vulnerabilities and Adaptation: Himalayas, urban & rural plains in India and Nepal
- Nexus, making carbon work for development
- Mass dissemination of fuel-efficient cookstoves and carbon finance in Cambodia: social and economic impacts and lessons learned

Climate Vulnerabilities and Adaptation: Himalayas, urban & rural plains in India and Nepal



The Himalayan mountain range is known as "the water tank of Asia", with direct water usage in the mountainous region and downstream plains. Consequently, the impacts of climate change for vulnerable communities across the Himalayan-Ganga basin imply fundamental impacts on livelihoods (glaciers melting, dislocated villages, increasing prevalence and severity of floods and droughts). However, some adaptive pilot activities have proven to be successful, such as artificial glaciers, changing crop patterns and innovative pest control.

Side event at UNFCCC conference hall, in partnership with GEAG.
Schedule to be checked in UNFCCC program.

Speakers: ICIMOD, GERES, LNP, Practical Action, ISET, GEAG



Nexus, Carbon For Development



Nexus is now launching its investment fund

Many social projects generate emission reductions and should therefore be eligible for carbon financing. However, high transaction costs and methodological issues make it difficult for these projects to access carbon markets. To overcome these challenges, project developers have created an alliance: Nexus, Carbon For Development dedicated to bringing change, transparency and fairness to the carbon market.

Nexus is now launching an ethical investment fund which will help drive investment towards those who need it most: the poor in least developed countries.

Press conference, to be announced in the UNFCCC official program.
Panel discussion, to be announced in the IETA pavilion program.

Speakers: Nexus, GERES



Mass dissemination of fuel-efficient cookstoves and carbon finance in Cambodia: social and economic impacts and lessons learned



GERES succeeded in the mass dissemination of fuel-efficient cookstoves in Cambodia. This 10 year success story in mitigation and poverty alleviation brings key learning on an innovative approach which generated various economic and social impacts. AFD and GERES gathered these lessons in a cooperative publication, which also includes methodologies for technology transfer, an impact assessment of the mass dissemination of fuel-efficient cookstoves and on how an ICS dissemination methodology can be reproduced from Cambodia to other countries.

Publication presented during a side event: EU pavilion, in partnership with AFD and Action Carbone, Dec 7, 2009, 6pm.

Speakers: AFD, Action Carbone, GERES.

