



SAGA PROJECT POLICY CONFERENCE

“Empowering the Rural Poor and Reducing their Risk and Vulnerability”

February 10, 2005 -Grand Regency Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

- 08:30 Welcoming remarks – **T. Nzioki Kibua, Executive Director, IPAR**
- 08:45 Official Opening – **Hon. Peter Kaindi, Ass. Minister, Ministry of Agriculture**

Session I: Empowering the Rural Poor

- 09:00 – 9:25 Decentralization and Access to Agricultural Extension Services in Kenya
John Omiti, Elizabeth Nambiro, and Godiah Mugunieri – IPAR
- 9:30 – 9:55 Exploring the Effects of Community Groups on Rural Livelihoods
David Amudavi, Cornell University
- 10:00 – 10:30 Plenary Discussion
- 10:30 *Coffee / Tea break*
- Chair: Rose Nyikal, Chair, Agricultural Economics Department, University of Nairobi**
- 11:00 – 11 :25 Producer Organisations in the Liberalized Kenyan Agricultural Economy
James Nyoro and Isaac Komo, Tegemeo Institute
- 11:30 – 11:55 Imperfections in Membership-based Organizations: The Performance of Kenya’s Coffee Cooperatives
Andrew Mude, Cornell University
- 12:30 *Lunch*



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Session II: Reducing Risk and Vulnerability in Rural Kenya

Chair: Hezron Nyangito, Ag. Executive Director - KIPPRA

14:00 – 14:25 The Role of Factor Market Access in Reducing Risk and Vulnerability in Kakamega and Vihiga Districts

Joseph Karugia, Willis Oluoch-Kosura, Rose Nyikal, Michael Odumbe and Paswell Marennya, University of Nairobi

14:30 – 14:55 Economic Transfers through Social Networks and Financial Trickle-Down in Kenya’s Smallholder Sector

Heidi Hogset, Cornell University

15:00 – 15:30 Plenary Discussion

15:30 *Coffee/Tea break*

Chair: Felix Kamau, Deputy Director, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development

16:00 – 16:25 Effects of Market Price Volatility on Production Patterns and Smallholders’ Apparent Retreat into Subsistence Farming

Hezron Nyangito, Walter Odhiambo, Samuel Mwakubo and Lydia Ndirangu, KIPPRA

16:30 – 16:55 Decomposing Producer Price Risk: An Analysis of Livestock Markets in Northern Kenya

Chris Barrett and Winnie Luseno, Cornell University

17:00 – 17:30 Plenary Discussion

17:30 Closing Remarks - **Harris Mule - Chairman, IPAR Board of Directors**