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

  Andrew Mude, Cornell University

12:30  Lunch
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 Marenya, 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

   Chris Barrett and Winnie Luseno, Cornell University

17:00 – 17:30 Plenary Discussion

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