



“A New and Unique Journal at the Service of Field Actors”

FACTS Reports Conference within BioVision Forum

10 March 2009, Lyon, 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM

FACTS Reports is part of FACTS Initiative that is a programme of the Veolia Environment Institute

The aim of the FACTS Initiative is to provide a forum for field actors for communicating the results to a broad audience. It promotes activities such as international conferences, training courses, symposia, and educational awards, etc... The FACTS Initiative provides a neutral and independent platform for spreading good practices.

FACTS Reports, which is one of the components of the FACT Initiative, is a new and unique forum that publishes manuscripts and opinion pieces related to field-based activities in the areas of economy and development, health, education, agriculture, and the environment. This journal focuses on activities in developing countries and impoverished areas of developed countries. Articles are submitted to peer review. The main criterion for submission is that the articles describe actions that are useful and can be reproduced. During its first stage, FACTS Reports will primarily cover areas related to economic development and health.

The goal of FACTS Reports is to collect, disseminate and capitalize knowledge and best practices on field activities worldwide. Many field actors implement projects in developing countries to address issues related to economics, health, agriculture, education, the environment and development in general. There are many opportunities to learn from the outcomes of these projects.

This journal is an instrument developed for serving field actors. It allows them to express freely their views and opinions; to exchange experience, and cooperate with other field actors across the world.

FACTS Reports was initiated and supported by Philippe Kourilsky, Professor at the College de France in Paris and Director General of the Pasteur Institute from 2000 to 2005. It is supported by a panel of distinguished advisers that includes, among others, H el ene Ahrweiler, Mich ele Barzach, Bernard Kouchner, Federico Mayor, Rajendra K. Pachauri, Mamphela Ramphela, Ellis Rubinstein, Amartya Sen, Ismail Serageldin, and Jeffrey D. Sachs.

FACTS Reports Conference

Created in September 2001, the Veolia Environment Institute promotes foresight reflection on subjects related to the environment in partnership with universities or research organizations in order to shed light on the important issues for the upcoming decades. These investigative efforts aim to contribute to public debate on an international scale. The FACTS Initiative is developed within the Veolia Environment Institute.

The major objective of the FACTS Reports Conference is to present, discuss and highlight important, innovative and highly interesting work from NGOs and International Organisations that help to respond to some of the key global development and health problems of the 21st Century. The aim of the FACTS Reports Conference is to disseminate this important work and sharing the information on the project with NGOs, International Organisations, researchers and policy makers across the world.

FACTS Reports Conference Programme

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM Keynote Address

Philippe KOURILSKY

Professor at the Collège de France
Honorary Director General, Institut Pasteur, France

Nadia CAÏD, “Presentation of the FACTS Initiative”

Development Director, Veolia Environment Institute, France

9:20 AM – 10:20 SESSION 1: THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS

Chair

Benoit MIRIBEL

General Director, Mérieux Foundation, France

Speakers

Jean Hervé BRADOL, “Potable Water and Humanitarian actions”

Research Director, Foundation « Médecins sans Frontière », France

Alain BOINET, “Impacts of actions of Solidarité on clean drinking water”

Executive Director, Solidarité, France

Denis METZER (to be confirmed)

President, Action contre la Faim, France

Discussion

10:20 AM – 11:20 SESSION 2: EFFICIENT RESPONSES TO THE FOOD CRISIS

Chair

Georges VALENTIS

Managing Director, Veolia Environment Institute, France

Speakers

Aminuzzaman TALUKDER, “Helen Keller International's Homestead Food Production model contributes to household food and nutrition security among poor populations - lessons learned from scaling-up programs in Asia (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal and Philippines)”

Regional Food Security Advisor

Helen Keller International (HKI) Regional Office for Asia Pacific, Cambodia

Chandra RAI, “School Health and Nutrition - low-cost interventions that have great impacts on learning and health”

Senior Officer, School Health and Nutrition

Save the Children, Nepal

Vanitha KOMMU, “Students grow their own organic vegetables in school yards for their Mid Day Meals”

Officer-in-Charge

Centre for Environment Education (CEE) Andhra Pradesh State Office, India

Discussion

11:20 – 11:40 Coffee Break

11:40 – 12:40

SESSION 3: GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Chair

Peter KEARNS

Principal Administrator, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), France

Speakers

Simanta KALITA, “A journey of empowering community for self reliance”

Programme Coordinator Endogenous Tourism Project, Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Guwahati, India

Nasima AKHTER, “Using data from a nationally representative nutrition surveillance system to assess trends and influence nutrition programs and policy”

Nutrition Program Manager, Helen Keller International, Bangladesh

Ranjit Kumar MOHANTY, “Cadre Building to Strengthen Grass Root Governance”

Programme Coordinator Rural Cadre Development, Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Ahmedabad, India

Discussion

Lunch

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

SESSION 4: PREVENTION AND ACTIONS FOR FIGHTING HIV

Chair

Eric DUCHEMIN

Managing Director – Chief Editor, Vertigo Journal, Canada

Speakers

Louis PIZARRO, “Technical Assistance to Improve HIV National Information System in Niger by Solthis”

General Director, Solthis, Paris

Thongphit PINYOSINWAT, “Prevention of HIV/AIDS among Migrant Workers in Thailand project”

Chief Program Development, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Raks Thai Foundation, Thailand

Sunee TALAWAT, “Voices and Choices of Women Living with HIV: Reproductive Health and Sexual Rights”

Program Coordinator, Raks Thai Foundation, Thailand

Discussion

4:00 PM – 4:20 PM

Coffee Break

4:20 PM – 5:20 PM

SESSION 5: POSITIVES IMPACTS OF EDUCATION FOR FIGHTING POVERTY

Chair

Jean-Claude Berthélemy

Professor, Univ. Paris 1 Pantheon Sorbonne, Paris

Speakers

Neselie Brutus NORMIL, “community-based work on improving children's ability to read”

Education Specialist, Save the Children, Haiti

Elviyanti MARTINI, “Results of a sprinkles intervention for prevention of anemia in children - an effectiveness program in rural / urban Maharashtra, India”

Nutrition Program Manager and Project Advisor for Sprinkles, Helen Keller International, Indonesia

Neema MGANA, “Catalyzing Change in Africa through Social Entrepreneurship”

Associate Director of Development, Ashoka, USA

Discussion

5:20 PM – 6:20 PM

SESSION 6: BEST PRACTICES (to be confirmed)

Martha Isabel Ruiz CORZO, “Biodiversity Conservation in the Sierra Gorda Biosphere”
MIDP finalist from the Japanese Award - Global Development Network, Mexico

Miraj KHAN, « Aga Khan Rural Support Programme”
MIDP finalist from the Japanese Award - Global Development Network, Aga Khan Foundation, Pakistan

Amitabha SADANGI, “Low Cost Drip Irrigation as a Poverty Reduction”
MIDP finalist from the Japanese Award - Global Development Network, International Development Enterprises,
India

Discussion

End of the Conference