



NFU

NORSK FORENING FOR UTVIKLINGSFORSKNING

General Assembly 2006

Time: Thursday 14 September 2006, 15:00
Venue: Menighetsfakultetet/Chateau Neuf, Majorstua, Oslo

Draft Agenda

1. Constitute meeting and approve agenda

- Election of General Assembly Chair and two Reporters
- Approval of agenda

2. NFU Annual report 2006

3. NFU Audited Accounts 2006

- Accounts for 2006 – period 01.06.2005 – 31.07.2006.
- Audit report for 2006

4. Accounts for NFU Annual conferences

- 2005: Noragric, UMB (coming later)

5. NFU Annual Conference 2007

- Application from the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI): *Power, politics and the State: Building the Infrastructure for Poverty Reduction*

6. Incoming business

(None)

7. NFU Membership fees 2007

8. Work plan and Budget for 2007

9. Elections

- NFU Board, Nomination Committee and Auditor.

NFU General Assembly 2006**Item 2. NFU Annual report 2006****NFU Annual Report 2006**

(Covering the period June 2005 – July 2006)

General

The current “year” cover the period June 2005 – July 2006. The General Assembly is as a rule conducted in connection with the Annual Conference and we have for that reason adopted flexible business years for reporting and accounts. NFU membership follows the calendar years.

NFU has during the period maintained the principal activities of the association, including:

- Consulted with the organisers of the NFU Annual Conference: Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM), University of Oslo, in collaboration with the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR), Oslo, and the Christian Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen
- Published the NFU Newsletter, 1 issue
- Been involved in the publishing of the Forum for Development Studies
- Organized, in collaboration with the European Association for Development Research (EADI) and the University of Bergen a meeting: *Development Research within the Bergen Milieu*, at 23 March 2006
- Convened the first meeting of the *National University Committee for Development Studies*, at UMB – Norwegian University of Life Sciences, 11 May 2006
- Participated at a panel discussion at the *Bergen Round Table: Coupling EFA with Higher Education*, 20 May 2006 entitled: *The Role of Norwegian Institutions in Promoting EFA and Teacher Education in Africa*. The roundtable was organised by Knowpol - the conference on knowledge and politics
- Met with the evaluation team (The Research Council of Norway) for Norwegian development research (14 August 2006)
- Taken initiatives to promote co-operation between Nordic associations for development research.
- Conducted 4 Board meetings
- Kept accounts and updated membership lists routines

The NFU Board members 2006

The NFU General assembly 2005 was held 20 June 2005 at Noragric, UMB. Minutes were published at the NFU web: www.nfuf.no. Following this meeting, the composition of the NFU Board has been as follows:

Chair:

Håkon Fottland, SEMUT - University of Tromsø

Board members:

Morten Bøås, Fafo Institute for Applied International Studies

Tale Baadsvik, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Asunción Lera St. Clair, Dept. Education and Health Promotion - University of Bergen

Ketil Fred Hansen, The North/South Coalition and the University of Stavanger

Darley Jose Kjosavik, Noragric - Norwegian University of Life Sciences

Elisabeth Sandersen, KVINNFORSK - University of Tromsø

Tina Søreide, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)
Guro Aandahl, SUM - University of Oslo

Deputies:

Atle Solberg, Dept. Comparative Politics - University of Bergen
Kjetil Tronvoll, NCHR - University of Oslo
Siri Hellevik, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)
Poul Wisborg, Noragric - Norwegian University of Life Sciences

Election committee:

Siri Gloppen, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)
Ruth Haug, Noragric - Norwegian University of Life Sciences
Einar Braathen, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)

EADI ExCom rep.:

Nadaraja Shanmugaratnam, Noragric - Norwegian University of Life Sciences

Auditor:

Hans-Jørgen Oppi Christiansen, SUM - University of Oslo

NFU Board meetings

The NFU Board has in the period met 4 times; once in Bergen and three times in Oslo. Due to a variety of commitments among the Board members – professional and personal - all elected members and deputies have been invited to all meetings.

Work plan 2006 and progress

The NFU Board discussed item *NFU 26-05 NFU targets/work plan 2006* at the meeting 14.10.2005, and arrived at the following:

- *Work towards having a very good Annual Conference 2006*
Asunción Lera St. Clair and *Poul Wisborg* had a particular responsibility.
 An impressive work has been invested by the conference organisers to this end. *Poul Wisborg* achieved his PhD. title in the period.
- *Consider new prizes and/or stipends for NFU members*
 A Master thesis competition for the best development-related thesis submitted in the period July 2005 - June 2006 was launched. The prize should be NOK 5.000, it should be awarded to a NFU-member, the winner should be announced at the annual Conference 2006, and entries should be evaluated by the NFU Board. It was intended to make the competition an annual event.
 Two entries were received for scrutiny by the deadline. Neither were found to be central to the NFU objectives as described the NFU Articles of Association, and a winner was not named. The competition need to be publicised more widely.
- *Work to publish the NFU Newsletter, improve the website and co-operate on dissemination*
 All board members - and of course all NFU-members - should contribute to disseminate development research-related information. Particular responsibilities were on the Editor: *Darley Jose Kjosavik*, the Whip: *Elisabeth Sandersen* and the Information Facilitators *Tina Søreide*, *Atle Solberg* and *Kjetil Tronvoll*.
 One issue of the NFU Newsletter has been published. On the other side, both the Editor *Darley Jose Kjosavik* and Facilitator *Tina Søreide* achieved their PhD. title in the period.

- *Promote the Forum for Development Studies*
The NFU has sought to promote the Forum for Development studies by working for increased number of members and by suggesting this as a channel of publication. See separate note.
- *Promote the Nordic co-operation - Conditions for increased co-operation among Nordic development researchers, development research institutions and associations*
One issue that the Board has been concerned with this period is to assess the conditions for increased co-operation among Nordic researchers, research institutions and research associations. The Board has noted that such co-operation is taking place among other disciplines and see no reason why development research should be an exceptions. In this regard Board members have contacted colleagues in Denmark, Sweden and Finland to find out how their national associations for development research are functioning. The Danish one is working well with an activity level similar to NFU. This is not the case in Sweden and Finland. The Swedish association is not much active, although a new initiative is under way. The Finnish association also has been rather inactive for some time. There is, however, renewed interest among senior Finnish researchers to reactivate it. Based on initial conversations it was decided to organise a Roundtable for the NFU 2006 Annual Conference in order to discuss the potential for increased Nordic co-operation. The Roundtable will discuss the potential, but also challenges for such co-operation, the degree to which a Nordic approach to development research exist. And if so, how such co-operation could be facilitated through more Nordic oriented conferences and other initiatives aimed at increased co-operation.

The Roundtable is chaired by *Morten Bøås* (Fafu-AIS) and panelists include
Fredrik Söderbaum (PADRIGU, Gothenburg University)
Liisa Laakso (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)
Søren Jeppesen (Danish Association for Development Research)
Olav Stokke (Forum for Development Studies/NUPI)
Jan M. Haakonsen (Norwegian Research Council)
Asbjørn Løbræk (NORAD)

Participation at the annual conference of *FAU - Danish Association of Development Researchers*, 10-11 May 2006, was another part of the initiative on information exchange; a report is due. *Morten Bøås*, *Håkon Fottland* and *Siri Bjerkreim Hellevik* have a particular responsibility for the initiative.

- *Seek to arrange local seminars. One is considered in Bergen.*
A meeting was organized in Bergen, in collaboration with the European Association for Development Research (EADI) and the University of Bergen: *Development Research within the Bergen Milieu*, at 23 March 2006. See programme enclosed.

An outcome of this meeting is a decision to establish a Summer School: *Global Poverty and Human Development* (tentative title) starting 2008.
- *Communicate with the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) through the Norwegian ExCom member.*
Håkon Fottland had a briefing with the incoming Norwegian ExCom member *Nadarajah Shanmugaratnam* at Noragric 13.10.2005 and will continue to keep up the contact. One issue was to establish a process to prepare for items on the ExCom agenda. See separate note.

- *Follow initiatives to improve Programs of Development Studies offered by Norwegian educational institutions*

The newly established *National University Committee for Development Studies* is a most relevant entity to work on this matter.

A meeting was otherwise conducted with the evaluation team (The Research Council of Norway) for Norwegian development research at 14 August 2006. Among other things, the link between research and studies was highlighted.

- *In addition NFU has participated at the following events:*
 - Convened the first meeting of the *National University Committee for Development Studies*, at UMB – Norwegian University of Life Sciences, 11 May 2006. The committee is established under the Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions. *Håkon Fottland* represented NFU which may not be a member, but instead can be invited as an observer.
 - Participated at a panel discussion at the *Bergen Round Table: Coupling EFA with Higher Education*, 20 May 2006 entitled: *The Role of Norwegian Institutions in Promoting EFA and Teacher Education in Africa*. The roundtable was organised by Knowpol - the conference on knowledge and politics. *Asunción Lera St. Clair*. A meeting between NFU and the State Secretary MFA could be one relevant follow-up of the meeting. See programme enclosed.

Members

By 31 July 2006 NFU had a total of 157 members paying membership fees.

EADI

Nadaraja Shanmugaratnam, Noragric - Norwegian University of Life Sciences replaced *Trond Vedeld*, (NIBR) as Norway's representative on the Executive committee of EADI. The election was made by the EADI General Assembly during the in General Conference 21 - 24 September 2005 in Bonn, Germany. The title of the conference was *Insecurity and Development*. NFU arranged the nomination process among the Norwegian EADI member institutions. The costs for his participation have been covered by a special allocation from the Research Council of Norway.

Desmond McNeill was in addition elected as EADI Vice President with a special attention to international affairs.

Forum for development studies

NUPI, in co-operation with NFU and with financial support from the Research Council of Norway, publishes the *Forum for Development Studies*. The Journal is published twice a year with *Olav Stokke* (NUPI) as Editor. *Tor Arve Benjaminsen* has been the representative of the NFU Board in the Editorial committee.

In order to give the journal a wider and more Nordic audience, changes has been made to the composition of the Editorial Committee and the Advisory Board.

The NFU Annual Conferences

The Annual Conference 2005 was hosted by Noragric, Norwegian University for Life Sciences (UMB), 20 – 21 June 2005. The conference theme was: *Transforming Landscapes of Poverty - Resources, Rights and Conflicts*.

The NFU Annual Conference 2006 is hosted by Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM), University of Oslo, in collaboration with the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR), Oslo, and the Christian Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen during the days 13-15 September 2006. The conference theme is: *Ethics, Human rights and Development*.

The NFU Annual Conference is supported by the Research Council of Norway / the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Development Research within the Bergen Milieu

23 March 2006, 09:00 to 13:15
Venue: Dragefjellet (Law School), Big Auditorium

Introduction

The Norwegian Association for Development Research (NFU), in Collaboration with the European Association for Development Research (EADI) and the University of Bergen, invites staff from the University, the Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen University College, and the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH) to a meeting (followed by a lunch):

- to inform about the priority and status of the organization of development-related research at the University of Bergen, including strategies for collaboration with other institutions in the Bergen area.
- to inform and discuss the ongoing evaluation of Norwegian development research by the Norwegian Research Council (NFR). The distinction between “Development studies” and “Development-related studies”, will be addressed, with the background of interdisciplinarity and wide involvement in “Development-related research” in Bergen
- to present current discussions on “Development-related studies” at the European level and within the European Association for Development Research (EADI) regarding research and PhD training, higher learning programs, and accreditation of programs and courses on development research.
- to discuss the often contradictory goals of development cooperation in higher education and research (North-South University) and the tendency towards excellence based-incentives (North-North University)
- to brainstorm the possibilities for collaboration on themes where there is particular comparative competence within the “Bergen Milieu”. A specific aim is to compete internationally for European or other large grants outside Norway, and to strengthen the research training environment in Bergen. How can Bergen researchers obtain network externalities?

Program

- 09:00 *Welcome and Introductory Remarks*
Sigmund Grønmo, Rector UIB
- 09:15-9:35 *“Challenges for Development Research: European and National Levels”*
Desmond McNeill, Vice President European Association for Development Research (EADI)-
Research Professor centre for Development and the Environment (SUM, UIO).
- 09:35-10:15 *Panel Discussion on Development Research, Chair, Haakon Fottland, NFU*
- *Alf Morten Jerve (CMI),*
 - *Ove Stoknes, Centre for Development Studies (SFU)*
 - *Bertil Tungodden, NHH*
 - *Asgeir Sorteberg, Bjerknes Center for Climate Research, (UIB)*
- 10:15-11:00 *Open Floor Discussion*
- 11:20-11:45 *“Excellence versus Capacity Building: North-South, South-South and North-North Training and Research”*
Gro Therese Lie, Department of Education and Health Promotion, UIB.
- 11:45-12:15 *Panel Discussion, Chair, Alf Morten Jerve*
- *Thorvald Gran, AORG, UIB*
 - *Tor Halvorsen, AORG, UIB*
 - *Jan Isaksen, CMI*
 - *Tom Skauge, Høgskolen i Bergen*
 - *Thorkild Tylleskær, CIH (?to be confirmed)*
- 12:15-13:00 *Open Floor Discussion*
- 13:00 *Outcome: Commitments for short term and medium term follow up*

**The Bergen Round Table:
Coupling EFA with Higher Education
20 May 2006
(Tentative program)**

Venue: Bergen University College, Nygårdsgaten 112, Eva Gill's Room

09:00-09:15 *Welcome and Opening remarks*

Vice-chancellor *Eli Bergsvik*, Bergen University College

Chair: *Tor Halvorsen*, Knowpol and GHERA, University of Bergen

09:15-09:40 *Education for All (EFA) - The Norwegian governments' policy for reaching the Millennium goals.*

State Secretary *Anne Margareth Fagertun Stenhammer*, MFA

Discussion

09:40-10:00 *The IAU – initiative: Contribution to EFA from the sector of Higher Education (HE).
Eva Egron-Polak, Secretary-General International Association of Universities (IAU)*

10:00-10:30 *The UNESCO initiatives in Teacher Education: Training, Research and Publications in Africa.*

Juma Shabani, Director UNESCO Harare Cluster Office

EFA and the Challenge of Administrative Competence Building

Steinar Askvik, UiB and *Marit Tjomsland*, GHERA

10:30-10:50 *Discussion*

10:50-11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00-12.30 *The role of HE supporting EFA – Exploring the Emerging Discourse in Africa. Panel discussion*

- *Damtew Teferra*, Editor African Higher Education, Center for International Higher Education, Boston College.
- *Penina Mlama*, Executive director, The Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE)
- *Barnabas Otaala*, Professor, University of Namibia
- *Alice Sena Lamptey*, Coordinator, Working Group of Higher Education, African Association of Universities (AAU)
- Discussion

12:30- 13.30 *Lunch*

13:30-14:30 *The Role of Norwegian Institutions in Promoting EFA and Teacher Education in Africa. Panel discussion*

- Ministry of Education and research (to be confirmed)
- *Tove Kvil*, NORAD
- *Ellen Charm*, Lins
- *Paul Manger*, SIU
- *Katrine Blyverket*, Union of Education Norway
- *Asunción Lera St. Clair*, NFU

14:30-15:00 *Discussion*

15:00-15:15 *Closing Session.*

Tom Skauge, Knowpol and GHERA, Bergen University College

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Item 3. NFU Audited Accounts 2006
 Period 11.06.2005 – 31.07.2006

Start of financial year: 11.06.2005
End of financial year: 31.07.2006

	Budget	Accounts	Comments
Income			
Membership fees	90 000	65 600,00	
Interest	500	159,43	
Various	-	-	
<i>Total income</i>	<u>90 500</u>	<u>65 759,43</u>	
Expenses			
Board meetings	36 000	36 555,54	
NFU-news	10 000	3 546,00	1
Forum for Development Studies	72 000	28 600,00	2
NFU prizes/stipends	35 000	14 050,00	3
EADI	3 000	1 991,55	4
Homepage (www.nfuf.no)	3 500	3 373,00	
NFU Activity Fund	5 000	5 090,00	
Auditor	3 000	-	
Various	3 000	1 745,00	
Bank fees	-	256,54	
<i>Total expenses</i>	<u>170 500</u>	<u>95 207,63</u>	
Result	<u>(80 000)</u>	<u>(29 448,20)</u>	

Balances

Incoming balance 10.6.2006 138 999,98
 Outgoing balance 31.7.2006 109 551,78

1. Only one issue of NFU-nytt was published this year
2. Only one issue of FDS has been charged this year
3. The NFU-prize and travel stipend for EADI-conference
4. Membership fee



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Revisjonsberetning

Regnskapet for Norsk forening for utviklingsforskning (NFU) for perioden

11. juni 2005 til 31. juli 2006

er gjennomgått.

Samtlige posteringer i regnskapet er kontrollert opp mot bilag.

Kostnadene påløpt i perioden anses å være relevante for driften.

Blindern 7. september 2006.

Hans-Jørgen Oppi Christiansen



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NFU General Assembly 2006
Item 5. NFU Annual Conference 2007

CMI applies for the NFU conference, 2007, with the topic:

Power, politics and the State: Building the Infrastructure for Poverty Reduction

The link between infrastructure and poverty is again on the development agenda. Not only in terms of physical infrastructure, but in the much broader sense of an institutional structure – representative institutions and a public sector – able to facilitate development processes that benefit poor sections of society. The goal behind this suggested 2007 conference is first of all related to the infrastructures of governance, the political economy issues, and hence the connections between formal and informal institutions. In this sense the conference title covers a broad spectre of development challenges, from democratic election processes, for instance, to various forms of public service delivery.

The current focus on infrastructure, in terms of facilities used to deliver energy, water, telecommunication and transport services, emphasizes the importance of the conference topics. The dramatic need for such facilities was a main issue on the World Bank ABCDE conference in Tokyo this year, and is also a core element of the MDGs. Several developing countries are for instance advised to invest 9-10% of their GDP in infrastructure during the next years, as part of the MDGs (this would imply more than a doubling of the investment level for several countries). While this increase in infrastructure investments is critical to development, it will also challenge governmental institutions and bureaucracies, for instance in various forms of needs assessments, budget processes, interests of donor countries versus domestic authorities, the influence of domestic lobby groups, income distribution, and different forms of corruption.

With its multi-disciplinary environment for social science research, CMI offers a suitable environment for this conference. The idea is supported by the different thematic research teams at CMI. The idea about a NFU 2007 conference at CMI is also supported by the CMI management.

Tina Søreide, on behalf of CMI.

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Item 4. Accounts for NFU Annual conferences

2005: Noragric, UMB. Report is coming later.

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Item 6. Incoming business

None is presented.

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Item 7. NFU Membership fees 2007

The following membership fees are suggested:

- Full membership NOK 400
- Student members, retired persons NOK 200

International members are always counted as Full members)

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Item 8. Work plan and Budget for 2007

Proposed Work plan 2007:

- Work to arrange the NFU Annual Conference 2007
- Promote the Forum for Development Studies
- Participate in national initiatives to improve conditions for development research
- Announce the NFU prize and the NFU Master Thesis Competition 2006-07
- Work to publish the NFU Newsletter, improve the website and co-operate on dissemination
- Communicate with the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) through the Norwegian ExCom member
- Follow up on Nordic co-operation and on other international initiatives (GATS and higher education)
- Seek to arrange local seminars

Proposed Budget 2007:

	Accounts 2006	Budget 2007	
Income			
Membership fees	65 600,00	70 000	1
Interest	159,43	100	
Various	-	-	
<i>Total income</i>	<u>65 759,43</u>	<u>70 100</u>	
Expenses			
Board meetings	36 555,54	36 000	2
NFU-news	3 546,00	7 500	3
Forum for Development Studies	28 600,00	60 000	
NFU prizes/stipends	14 050,00	15 000	4
EADI	1 991,55	2 000	
Homepage (www.nfuf.no)	3 373,00	3 500	
NFU Activity Fund	5 090,00	5 000	
Auditor	-	600	
Various	1 745,00	2 000	
Bank fees	256,54	300	
<i>Total expenses</i>	<u>95 207,63</u>	<u>131 900</u>	
Result	<u>(29 448,20)</u>	<u>(61 800)</u>	

Notes

- 1 Based on 175 members 2007
- 2 Institutions of Board members will be requested to support their delegates
- 3 Two issues of NFU Newsletter
- 4 NFU prize and NFU Master Thesis Competition

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Item 9. Elections

To: NFU's Annual meeting 2006
From: The election committee (Ruth Haug, Siri Gloppen, Einar Braathen)
Date: 04.09.2006

PROPOSAL – NFU 2006/07

Board members

Håkon Fottland, Semut, University of Tromsø (chair), (re-election)
Guro Aandahl, SUM, University of Oslo, (re-election)
Morten Bøås, Fafo, Oslo, (re-election)
Tale Baadsvik, Norwegian University for Science and Technology (NTNU), (re-election)
Darley Jose Kjosavik, NIBR, Oslo, (not on election)
Elisabeth Sandersen, Kvinnforsk, University of Tromsø, (not on election)
Asuncion Lera St.Clair, Dept. Education and Health Promotion , Univ.Bergen, (not on election)
Siri Bjerkreim Hellevik, NIBR, Oslo (new, previous deputy member)
John McNeish, CMI, Bergen (new)

Deputy board members

Poul Wisborg, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (re-election)
Ragnhild Muriås, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen (new)
Kristen Nordhaug, NUPI, Oslo (new)
Anne Cathrine Larsen, Department of Social Anthropology, NTNU, Trondheim

Election Committee

Siri Gloppen, CMI, Bergen (chair) (re-election)
Einar Braathen, NIBR, Oslo (re-election)
Randi Kaarhus, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (new)

EADI representative

N. Shanmugaratnam, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (not on election)

Auditor

Hans Jørgen Oppi Christiansen, SUM, University of Oslo