



NFU

NORSK FORENING FOR UTVIKLINGSFORSKNING

NFU General Assembly 2007

Time: Tuesday 06 November 2007, 18:30
Venue: Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen

Draft Agenda

1. Constitute meeting and approve agenda

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

2. NFU Annual report 2007

3. NFU Audited Accounts 2007

- Accounts for 2007: period 01.08.2006 – 31.09.2007.
- Audit report for 2007

4. Accounts for NFU Annual conferences

- 2005: Noragric, UMB (coming later)
- 2006: SUM, UiO (coming later)

5. NFU Annual Conference 2008

- Application from NTNU: **National states and trans-national realities: Multi-level impacts of contemporary crises and migration flows**

6. Incoming business

(none)

7. NFU Membership fees 2008

8. Work plan and Budget for 2008

9. Elections

- NFU Board, Nomination Committee and Auditor.

NFU General Assembly 2007**Item 2. NFU Annual report 2007****NFU Annual Report 2007**

(Covering the period August 2006 – September 2007)

1. General

The current “year” cover the period August 2006 – September 2007. 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.

2. The NFU Board members 2007

The NFU General assembly 2006 was held 14 September 2006 at Menighetsfakultetet/ Chateau Neuf, Majorstua, Oslo. Minutes were published at the NFU web: www.nfuf.no. Following this meeting, the composition of the NFU Board has been as follows:

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

3. NFU Board meetings

The NFU Board has in the period met 5 times; twice 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.

4. NFU Members

By 30 September 2007 NFU had a total of 165 members paying membership fees (157 at 31.07.2006).

5. Work plan 2007 and progress:

5.1 Work to arrange the NFU Annual Conference 2007

We thank the Christian Michelsen Institute (CMI) for taking a firm lead in realising this event.

5.2 Promote the 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. The journal seeks currently to attract a wider and more Nordic audience.

NFU has worked to extend the subscription basis for the publication, as well as sought to promote it in the other Nordic countries.

5.3 Participate in national initiatives to improve conditions for development research

During the year we have participated in meetings and provided input to hearings:

- Meeting State Secretary Anne F. Stenhammer, 25.05.2007 to introduce:
 - NFU explaining our role in Norway with members from the institute-, university- and university college-sector.
 - Our work to promote Nordic co-operation.
 - The possibilities to use the NFU more actively.
- Hearing to the working group to develop a platform for bilateral support to higher education and research in developing countries, HUFO, 06.06.2007.
- We have also followed the process of establishing an increased focus on Latin America, as well as the evaluation of Norwegian Development Research.

5.4 Announce the NFU prize 2007 and the NFU Master Thesis Competition 2006-07

The NFU prize 2007

Two entries were received for the NFU Prize. However, we have been advised as follows:

The FDS Editorial Committee, including the editors, serving as the Prize Committee, will recommend that no prize be awarded this year. The Prize should instead be awarded next year. It is to be hoped that – with broad and early announcements – a larger number of papers than this time will be submitted. The two papers offered this time should automatically be included in that competition.

The NFU Board has decided to follow the recommendation.

The NFU Master Thesis Competition 2006-07

Ten entries were received for the Master Thesis Competition 2006-07 out of which nine were considered by the NFU Board (box below). The NFU Board is pleased and impressed with the diversity and quality of the theses, which were all found to address relevant and important development issues. The competition was hard as there were several excellent and innovative contributions to development research.

The NFU Board found two entries to be of particular quality, and one of these two to be the winner. The winner is a NFU member and will be announced during the Conference dinner, 06.11.2007.

List of entries considered
The NFU Master Thesis Competition 2006 - 2007

Adamou Amadou: *Coping with sedentarisation: Mbororo female's entrepreneurship, gender role and strategies for survival in a context of urbanisation in Wouro-Kessoum, Ngaoundéré (Northern Cameroon).*

Master thesis in Social Anthropology, Faculty of Social Sciences, UiT

Padmaja Barua: *Making Inroads: Women's Participation in Panchayati Raj Institutions in Assam.*

Master of Philosophy in Gender and Development, Faculty of Psychology, UiB.

Bridget Bwalya: *Katanino Joint Forest Management Area, Masaiti District. Zambia: Challenges and Opportunities*

Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Noragric, UMB

Kristine Hofseth Hovland: *Africanising Accountability? The African Peer Review Mechanism in a Human Rights Perspective*

Master of Philosophy in the Theory and Practice of Human Rights, UiO

Henriette Lunde: *Night Commuting in Gulu, Northern Uganda: From Spontaneous Strategy to New Social Institution*

Master thesis in Peace and Conflict Studies, Faculty of Social Science, UiO.

Hussein Tadicha Wario: *Historical and Current Perspectives on Inter-ethnic: Conflicts in Northern Kenya*

Master of Science in Management of Natural Resources and Sustainable Agriculture, Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Noragric, UMB

Vigleik Winje: *The rise of rights: A case study of women's land rights in Uganda*

Master thesis in Human Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences, UiO

Torstein Schiøtz Worren: *Fear and Resistance: The Construction of Alawi Identity in Syria.*

Master thesis in human geography, Faculty of Social Sciences, UiO

Qian Zhang: *"May They Live with Herds"- Transformation of Mongolian Pastoralism in Inner Mongolia of China*

Master of Philosophy in Indigenous Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, UiT

5.5 Work to publish the NFU Newsletter, improve the website and co-operate on dissemination

Due to new ways of handling information as well as a number of commitments among the NFU Board members, the NFU Newsletter has not been published in the period. Also the web-site has appeared dormant as a new “content management system” is under consideration.

5.6 Communicate with the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) through the Norwegian ExCom member

We have during the year been in close contact with N. Shanmugaratnam, Noragric who is the Norwegian member to the Executive Committee of EADI. The costs for his participation have been covered by a special allocation from the Research Council of Norway.

Desmond McNeill, SUM is elected as EADI Vice President with a special attention to international affairs.

The NFU Chair participated at the EADI Directors meeting in Brussels, 17-19.10.2007.

5.7 Follow up on Nordic co-operation and on other international initiatives (GATS and higher education)

Based on suggestions from the Roundtable on Nordic Development Research conducted during last year's NFU conference in Oslo the Board has explored various ways of achieving more co-operation between Nordic development researchers and the various national associations. Based on consultations with Danish and the Finnish associations and relevant groups in Sweden such as the Swedish Network of Peace, Conflict and Development Research, we have started to work towards forming a Nordic Development Studies Association.

The idea is that this new association may be jointly owned by the Norwegian, Danish and Finnish national associations, and that it may consider taking up other networks as members (as for instance the Swedish ones). Forum for Development Research may be the official journal of the new Nordic association as well as continuing to be the journal for NFU.

The Nordic Development Studies Association may as a main activity arrange a Nordic conference on a tri-annual basis, to supplement the national conferences. This is the same model as used by the Nordic political science and sociology associations. Together with Finnish and Danish representatives, we have agreed to develop a joint proposal to Nordforsk to apply for seed money for this work. Unfortunately we missed the most recent (September 2007) deadline, but we believe the next Board will pick up the mantle and continue this process.

Hopefully it will lead to an inaugural Nordic conference in 2009/10.

5.8 Seek to arrange local seminars

None has been arranged.

6. The NFU Annual Conferences

The NFU Annual Conference 2006 was 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 2007 is hosted by the Christian Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen during the days 05-07 November 2007. The conference theme is: *Making Institutions Work for the Poor?*.

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

Item 3. NFU Audited Accounts 2007

Start of financial year: 01.08.2006
End of financial year: 30.09.2007

	Budget	Accounts	Rem.
Income			
Membership fees	70 000	71 742,20	1
Interest	100	136,20	
<i>Total income</i>	<u>70 100</u>	<u>71 878,40</u>	
Expenditure			
Board meetings	36 000	20 623,66	2
"NFU-news"	7 500	-	3
Forum for Development Studies	60 000	21 605,00	
Homepage	3 500	3 372,50	
EADI	2 000	2 062,38	
NFU-prizes	15 000	-	4
Honorarium auditor	600	-	5
Activity Fund	5 000	14 631,12	6
Miscellaneous	2 000	2 188,00	7
Bank fees	300	116,00	
<i>Total expenses</i>	<u>131 900</u>	<u>64 598,66</u>	
Result	<u>(61 800)</u>	<u>7 279,74</u>	

Balances

Incoming balance 31.07.2006 kr 109 551,78
Outgoing balance 30.09.2007 kr 116 723,52

Remarks

1. Paying members (per 30.9.07): 165. Full members: 132. Student/retired: 33.
2. Expenditure is less after we encouraged board members to ask their institutions to cover the travel costs.
3. No issues of NFU-news have been issued this year.
4. The NFU-prizes will be covered from next year's budget as the costs were incurred after the closing of the accounts.
5. The honorarium for the auditor will be covered from next year's budget as the expenditure was incurred after the closing of the accounts.
6. Travel costs related to the Nordic Initiative.
7. Costs of sending invoices and reminders for the membership fee.



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Revisjonsberetning

Regnskapet for Norsk forening for utviklingsforskning (NFU) for perioden

1. august 2006 til 30. September 2007

er gjennomgått og funnet i orden.

Samtlige posteringer i regnskapet er kontrollert opp mot bilag.

Kostnadene påløpt i perioden anses å være relevante for driften.

Blindern 1. november 2007.

Hans-Jørgen Oppi Christiansen



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NFU General Assembly 2007**Item 4. Accounts for NFU Annual conferences**

The following reports will be presented to the next General assembly.

- 2005: Noragric, UMB
- 2006: SUM, UiO

NFU General Assembly 2007**Item 5. NFU Annual Conference 2008****Application by:**

Fokusområdet: Krig, konflikt og migrasjon, Globaliseringsprogrammet ved NTNU

National states and transnational realities: Multi-level impacts of contemporary crises and migration flows

The proposed conference aims to cover a broad spectrum of migration related issues. It will give the opportunity to address the numerous and varied causes and impacts of migration from many perspectives.

It is of high relevance for development and development studies how migration is perceived and handled within an increasingly interconnected and globalised world. It is therefore important to include both positive and negative aspects for all involved parties, the sending and receiving countries as well as the migrants themselves.

Contemporary migration occurs under different circumstances. People migrate as refugees, headhunted professionals, guest workers and illegal immigrants, sometimes even induced by development projects. Equally important are the phenomena of resettlement/repatriation and post-crisis reconstruction. This results in a variety of experienced realities.

The conference will last two days, each day being allocated to a particular set of questions. The first day addresses the questions linked to positive and negative impacts of contemporary migration flows, both in sending and receiving countries. The second day links the migration debate to the impacts of contemporary crises.

1st day: Multi-level impacts of contemporary migration flows

There are diverging views concerning the socioeconomic impacts of contemporary migration. The undermining of welfare states, threats to national identities and cultures, brain drain and the socioeconomic abuses that migrants experience are some of the concerns that preoccupy scholars and authorities in both receiving and sending countries.

These debates partly imply that increased migration is a problem that national states have to deal with. On the other hand, it is also argued that increased migration will lead to win-win outcomes.

For immigrants, migration may mean self-realisation, protection and employment. At the same time, immigrants contribute to economic growth of the receiving countries, while the sending countries gain through increased remittances. The countries of origin will also benefit from transnational entrepreneurship and return migration that brings new ideas, technology and capital.

2nd day: Forced migration and dealing with the impacts of contemporary crises

Both political and non-political crises result in migration flows both within and between national states. Refugees and internally displaced people, as well as sending and receiving countries and NGOs cope with forced migration under different circumstances. It is not unusual that policy makers in receiving countries and countries that are directly involved in the conflict have conflicting interests and operate with different agendas.

Even more important, governmental policies do not necessarily coincide with the interests and realities of migrants and refugees. While policies are implemented within the framework of the national state, the realities of many migrants and refugees must be understood in a transnational context.

A goal of the conference is to highlight and compare these perspectives. Forced migration and dealing with the impacts of contemporary crises will be analysed both at micro level and macro level. Important foci will thus be health and human rights, post-crisis situations, refugee repatriation, and reconstruction.

The conference is organised and supported by NTNU through the thematic focus area “War, Conflict and Migration” within the Globalisation Programme. This gives strong basis for creating a multidisciplinary and solid conference, with a potentially wide impact.

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Item 6. Incoming business

(none)

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Item 7. NFU Membership fees 2008

The following membership fees are suggested, being same as for 2007:

- 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 2008

Proposed Work plan 2008:

- Work to arrange the NFU Annual Conference 2008
- 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 2007-08
- Work to improve the website and the flow of information on development research
- Work with the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) through the Norwegian ExCom member and at the EADI conference, June 2008.
- Follow up on Nordic co-operation

Proposed Budget 2008:

	Accounts 2007	Budget 2008
Income		
Membership fees	71 742,20	75 000
Interest	136,20	100
<i>Total income</i>	<u>71 878,40</u>	<u>75 100</u>
Expenditure		
Board meetings	20 623,66	36 000
"NFU-news"	-	-
Forum for Development Studies	21 605,00	30 000
Homepage	3 372,50	10 000
EADI	2 062,38	2 000
NFU-prizes	-	15 000
Honorarium auditor	-	2 000
Nordic co-operation	14 631,12	20 000
Miscellaneous	2 188,00	2 000
Bank fees	116,00	300
<i>Total expenses</i>	<u>64 598,66</u>	<u>117 300</u>
Result	<u>7 279,74</u>	<u>(42 200)</u>
Incoming balance 01.10.2007		116 723,52

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Item 9. Elections- proposal 2008

Board members for election

Kristen Nordhaug, Oslo University College, Oslo (new, earlier deputy)

Poul Wisborg, Noragric - Norwegian University of Life Sciences (new, earlier deputy)

Vibeke Wang, PhD candidate, Dept. of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen (new)

Board members, continuing

Håkon Fottland, Semut, University of Tromsø (chair)

Guro Aandahl, SUM, University of Oslo

Morten Bøås, Fafo, Oslo

Tale Baadsvik, Norwegian University for Science and Technology (NTNU)

Siri Bjerkreim Hellevik, NIBR, Oslo

John McNeish, CMI, Bergen

Deputy board members, for election

Camilla Brautaset, Førseamanuensis, Historisk Insitutt, Universitetet i Bergen

Marit Solstad, PhD candidate, Høyskolen i Bodø

Marit Haug, PhD candidate, NIBR

Frode Sudnes, PhD Candidate, Noragric UMB

Election Committee, for election

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Randi Kaarhus, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (continuing)

EADI representative, not on election

N. Shanmugaratnam, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences

Auditor, for election

Hans Jørgen Oppi Christiansen, SUM, University of Oslo