



Dear WGA members !

We are happy to share with you the August issue of the WGA newsletter.

Topics that will be included are:

- A call for proposals from the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)
- The new GIZ climate road map 2017-2021
- Sustainable Palm oil in the news
- New BMZ proposal review procedure for bilateral and regional projects
- Satellite technology expedites insurance payouts
- Spread the word! New job opportunities in natural resources and rural development at GIZ

CFC call for proposals

GIZ climate road map 2011-
2021

The Common Fund for Commodities has just opened a call for proposals. All

proposals related to commodity value chains and that aim to reduce negative environmental impacts, reduce poverty, increase incomes or raise production are more than welcome. More information can be found on [their website](#) and the [instruction form](#). The application deadline is 31 October 2017.



Sustainable palm oil in the news

Our efforts have not remained unnoticed! [An article on sustainable coconut oil](#) and the partnership that GIZ has established with the multinationals Procter and Gamble, BASF and Cargill in the context DeveloPPP. Thanks to this partnership, a farmer explains: “I earned additional income from premiums which is a big help to our family to sustain our everyday lives—more food on the plate and ensuring education to our *children*.”

GIZ is positioning itself strategically to be at the forefront of global action against climate change to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement with the most effective and efficient project approaches. GIZ has designed [the climate road map 2017-2021](#) to guide staff worldwide in the field of climate change to effectively and efficiently meet and even exceed expectations of our commissioning parties and clients.



New BMZ proposal review procedure for bilateral and regional projects

To ensure that BMZ commissioned projects will most effectively and efficiently achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it has now changed its proposal review procedure in accordance with the earlier mentioned roadmap. The new procedure started to be piloted on the 1st of June this year and on 1 January 2018 the procedure will be fully implemented. More information on these review procedures can be found [here](#).



Satellite technology
expedites insurance payouts

For the first time in India, a state government made use of satellite data in assessing various damages and offered compensation to farmers as part of their crop insurance program. This especially helped with identifying which villages were hit by the droughts and it helped to compensate these farmers in record time, according to Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government. Read more about this great news [here](#).



Spread the word! New job
opportunities at GIZ

Do you know anyone who might be interested in a job at GIZ? Check out [the new job opportunities](#) and help spread the word to your circle.





About the SNRD Asia

SNRD Asia is GIZ internal platform for learning, sharing sector-specific knowledge and networking of like-minded professionals in the field of natural resources and rural development. It stands for Sector Network Natural Resources and Rural Development in Asia, and currently links over 50 program and projects in 21 Asia-Pacific countries, as well as global and sector projects. There are seven Working Groups constituting this network: (1) Agriculture, (2) Biodiversity, (3) Climate Change Adaptation (4) Hills to Ocean, (5) Green Education, (6) Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+), and (7) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

If you would like to share anything in the next newsletter or if you have other questions or remarks, please contact Sebastiaan Merten (sebastiaan.merten@giz.de)

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