

## ANNEX 1

### TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMISSION ON

# Development-Related Research Funded by Danida

## Background

The development research sector in Denmark is defined as comprising those involved in research and teaching, whose principal interests relate to the promotion of development in poorer countries. Development research is theoretical or applied research addressing the current development challenges faced by or in developing countries. Research is distinguished from consultancy by (a) the questions asked, (b) the methods employed, and /or (c) the outputs produced. In Denmark such research is carried out by universities and research centres/institutes. The sector is also involved in teaching, at both graduate and postgraduate level, and in training of development practitioners, either in developing countries or through short courses in Denmark.

In recent years a number of factors have led to a need to reconsider the future of the sector. The key factors include: (a) the formulation of Denmark's new development strategy "Partnership 2000"; (b) the need to develop new capacity on emerging problems, for example globalisation, trade and financial liberalisation, AIDS, social exclusion, sector wide approaches etc; (c) the development of indigenous research capacity in developing countries, in itself much to be welcomed, but posing new challenges for the Danish development research sector; and (d) a multitude of funding mechanisms in Danida.

At a time of rapid change in the world, and also of greater uncertainties about future development trends, it is felt opportune to appraise the role of the Danish development research sector and the contribution it can make through research, teaching and consultancy to international as well as Danish development goals and to formulate a new strategic framework for future Danida support to guide participants in the sector.

## Objectives

The study will focus on development research funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Danida and the related teaching, training, consultancy and information management. The specific objectives of the study are:

- i. To summarise the need for development research internationally, in the context of existing and emerging development needs;
- ii. Taking account of the international context, to examine Denmark's future role as a provider of development research by:
  - Assessing the utility of present research activities in relation to the needs in Denmark and in developing countries, and

- Assessing the strengths and weaknesses, problems and opportunities facing the sector (including intellectual, financial, structural and institutional);
- iii. To make recommendations on research priorities and organisational framework for the future development of the sector.

The study will be conducted under the assumption that total funding for the development research sector will remain stable at its present level.

## Coverage

The institutions involved in the development research funded by Danida are:  
*Universities:* Copenhagen University, Roskilde University Centre, Copenhagen School of Business Administration, Technical University of Denmark, Odense University Centre, Aarhus University, Aalborg University, Royal Veterinarian University, Royal Danish School of Pharmacy. Development related research in these institutions may also be funded by Research Councils under the Ministry for Research and by regular university budgets. Such research will be included in the study to the extent it is relevant to the assessment of the Danida funded research.

*Centres fully devoted to development related research:* Centre for Development Research, the Forest Seed Centre, the Bilharzia Laboratory, the Seed Pathology Institute. These centres are fully funded from the development budget.

*Other centres doing development related research:* Copenhagen Peace Research Institute, Danish Institute for Foreign Policy, Danish Centre for Human Rights, Danish Centre for Holocaust Research. Research and Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture, Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Royal Library, State Serum Institute. These centres are either partially funded from the development budget or receive grants for specific research projects. Only their development related work will be involved in the study.

*International research institutions:* some 35 international research institutions receive core funding and occasionally grants are provided for specific research projects carried out by national institutions/centres in other countries.

Funding mechanisms comprise: Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Danida: whole or partial core funding of Danish and international research centres, ENRECA, research projects funded under the auspices of the Council for Development Research, research projects funded as part of bilateral development projects/sectorsupport programmes, and research projects funded by multilateral grants and MIFRESTA.

## Implementation

A Commission appointed by the Minister for Development will prepare a brief report presenting options and recommendations for the future development of the sector. The members of the Commission are:

Gudmund Hernes	Director IIEP, Paris
Torben Brylle	Under-Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Copenhagen

Simon Maxwell	Director, Overseas Development Institute, London
Cyrus G. Ndiritu	Director (Rtd.) Kenya Agricultural Research Institute
Delphin G. Rwegasira	Executive Director, African Economic Research Consortium, Nairobi
Pieter Streefland	Professor, University of Amsterdam.

The Commission will be assisted by a research team which will provide background documentation and analysis as directed by the Commission.

The Danish and relevant international research milieus will be actively involved in the process through dialogue with the Commission in workshops, seminars or conferences as appropriate.

### **Timing**

The Commission will commence work on 23rd August 2000 and will be expected to deliver its report in mid February 2001.