

## Press Release

**TERI in association with IDDRI and AFD releases at the DSDS 2012 ‘DEVELOPMENT, THE ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD: TOWARDS AGRICULTURAL CHANGE?’ - A BOOK exploring the twin issues of agriculture and food security and their relationship with society**

**New Delhi, February 7, 2012:** On the sidelines of the 12<sup>th</sup> Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS 2012), Day 2, the French Development Agency (AFD), The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) released a book titled, *Development, the Environment and Food: Towards Agricultural Change?* The book is a part of the series, *A Planet for Life*, an annual publication on sustainable development prepared under the scientific leadership of leading figures in this field.

*Prof. Pierre Jacquet*, Chief Economist of AFD, *Dr. R. K. Pachauri*, Director-General, TERI and Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and *Prof. Laurence Tubiana*, Director of IDDRI have edited the book.

*Development, the Environment and Food: Towards Agricultural Change?* is a comprehensive book that unravels the many controversies hidden behind the renewed international consensus on investing in agriculture. The book brings together works by over 30 international experts in their fields to discuss, amongst others, the role of agriculture for development, opportunities for investment in agricultural lands, the relationship between agriculture and our environment in a time of climate change and resources scarcities, and illustrates that issues of food security go beyond the sole agricultural sector. Global agriculture, as portrayed in this book, is faced with great challenges, and will need to change in order to meet them. To help steering these changes towards greater sustainability, this book raises awareness about how crucial it is to change our representations of agriculture, change the visions that guide projects for change and the policies regulating this sector.

Divided in 15 chapters, the book delves into the diversity of food and agricultural issues. It analyses the whole food chain – from agricultural R&D, to farmers and farming systems, down to agro-industries and consumers – and contains case studies from all five continents, from the development of organic agriculture in Thailand to the reforms of agricultural policies in Europe and North and South America.

*Development, the Environment and Food: Towards Agricultural*

*Change?* will be marketed and distributed by TERI Press, the publishing arm of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). It also offers a range of publications and services in the areas of energy, environment, and sustainable development. Over the years, TERI Press has metamorphosed into a world class publisher of books, journals, and magazines, ranging from higher education and reference to popular and general interest books, as well as books for children.

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**About: The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**

From microbiology to global climate change, from smoke-filled rural kitchens to plush corporate boardrooms, from schoolchildren to heads of state—no sphere of human endeavor is unfamiliar to TERI. Headed by world-renowned economist and Head of the Nobel Prize winning UN Climate panel, Dr. R K Pachauri, TERI is best described as an independent, not-for-profit research institute focused on energy, environment, and sustainable development and devoted to efficient and sustainable use of natural resources.

A dynamic and flexible organization established in 1974, all activities in TERI move from formulating local and national level strategies to suggesting global solutions to critical energy and environment-related issues. Headquartered in New Delhi, TERI has established regional offices in Mumbai, Bangalore, Goa, Guwahati and Mukhteshwer in the Himalaya's and International centers in Japan, Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates, Washington DC, London and Utrecht, The Netherlands.

**About AFD:** The *Agence Française de Développement* (AFD or French Development Agency) is a public development finance institution that has been working for the past 70 years to fight poverty, support economic growth, and protect global public goods in developing and emerging countries as well as French Overseas Communities. AFD executes the French government's development aid policies. AFD has 66 offices worldwide. In 2009, AFD's financial commitments increased by 39% to reach €5.15 billion in developing and emerging countries.

In India, AFD has been active since 2008. It was agreed with the GoI that AFD would finance projects contributing to the sustainable management of global public goods, in particular: i) energy efficiency, renewable energy, urban public transport; ii) the preservation of biodiversity; and iii) the limitation of the spread of emerging and contagious diseases.

In 2009, AFD provided loans to two Indian public financial institutions for a total of € 120M. In 2010, € 127M were sanctioned for a forestry project in Assam and the upgrading of the Jodhpur water supply scheme (Rajasthan).

More information on website: [www.afd.fr](http://www.afd.fr)

**About IDDRI:** The Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) is a Paris and Brussels based non-profit policy research institute. Its objective is to develop and share key knowledge and tools for analysing and shedding light on the strategic issues of sustainable development from a global perspective. Given the rising stakes of the issues posed by climate change and biodiversity loss, IDDRI provides stakeholders with input for their reflection on global governance, and also participates in work on reframing development pathways. A special effort has been made to develop a partnership network with emerging countries to better understand and share various perspectives on sustainable development issues and governance. For more effective action, IDDRI operates with a

network of partners from the private sector, academia, civil society and the public sector, not only in France and Europe but also internationally. As an independent institute, IDDRI mobilises resources and expertise to disseminate the most relevant scientific ideas and research ahead of negotiations and decision-making processes. It applies a cross-cutting approach to its work, which focuses on five threads: global governance, climate change, biodiversity, urban fabric, and agriculture. More information on website: [www.iddri.org](http://www.iddri.org)

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