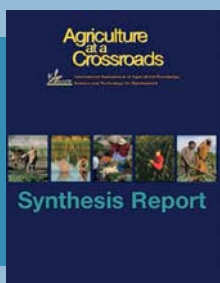
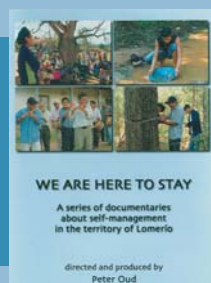


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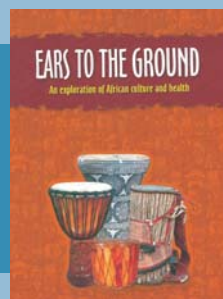
**Agriculture at a Crossroads**  
Synthesis report and summary on  
Johannesburg meeting, April 2008

The final plenary session of the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) was held in April 2008 in Johannesburg. *'There are some major challenges, but we believe that by combining local and traditional knowledge with formal knowledge these challenges can be met'*, Prof. R. Watson, Director IAASTD. The IAASTD is a World Bank and FAO initiative to evaluate the role of agricultural knowledge, science and technology in reducing poverty, improving livelihoods of rural communities and supporting the sustainable development of environment, society and economy. Executive summary and detailed reports can be downloaded from [www.agassessment.org](http://www.agassessment.org).



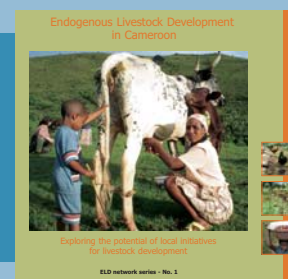
**We are here to stay**  
DVD series about self-management  
in the Bolivian lowlands

Four documentaries present the experiences of the Chiquitano people living in the territory of Lomerío in the Bolivian lowlands, as they struggle to improve their standard of living without going against the essential values of their culture. Themes covered in the films include sustainable forest management, the right to exploit mineral resources, the recovery of the Chiquitano language, changes in the position of women, relations between an indigenous organisation and the municipal authorities, and local participation in the national political debate. In Spanish and local languages with English subtitles, the DVDs provide material for discussion and reflection for those interested in the development of indigenous self-management. Information: [r.hulsman@hivos.nl](mailto:r.hulsman@hivos.nl), [info@peteroud.nl](mailto:info@peteroud.nl)



**Ears to the Ground**  
An exploration of African  
culture and health

The Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) partnered with the Ford Foundation in 2000 to set up the Culture and Health Grants Program for Africa (CHAPS). CHAPS' goal was to improve health, well-being and gender relations of communities by identifying, revising and promoting cultural practices and beliefs through a small grants programme. Individuals and community groups were supported to revive positive cultural practices and to influence and change practices that have a negative impact on health, driven by the recognition that communities derive their energies and identities from culture and local knowledge. Ears to the Ground showcases some of the projects that were supported. Information: [www.path.org](http://www.path.org)



**Endogenous Livestock  
Development in Cameroon**  
Exploring potential initiatives

The result of collaboration between farmers and extension workers in Cameroon and international consultants, this book provides an introduction to Endogenous Livestock Development. This approach acknowledges the multi-faceted role of livestock, including the social and spiritual components. Livestock keepers' ways of learning and organising themselves are the starting point for development. The book is accompanied by a DVD. Together they can be used to generate debates about dependency, and stimulate a re-interpretation of local values and potential in livestock development efforts.

The book can be ordered from Agromisa, cost € 17.50 incl. p&p. [www.agromisa.org](http://www.agromisa.org)

## WEBSITES



### Traditional Knowledge Information Service

**The Traditional Knowledge (TK) Bulletin** provides information for indigenous communities and other relevant stakeholders on TK-related discussions at international forums. The TK Bulletin is offered by the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies as a pilot activity of the Traditional Knowledge Institute (TKI).

The TK Bulletin provides a **weekly review** of TK issues in the international news (updated every Tuesday) and postings on issues of relevance to TK at a global level, such as processes within United Nations organisations, the World Bank and regional development banks, initiatives such as the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology.

[www.unu.edu/tk](http://www.unu.edu/tk)



### Equator Prize winners selected

Twenty-five initiatives were awarded the **Equator Prize** in September 2008, from a total pool of 310 nominations from 70 nations. The selection criteria included *Impact*, reducing poverty through conservation of biodiversity; *Partnerships*, linking many stakeholders; *Sustainability*, at least 3 years of successful and lasting socio-economic changes; *Innovation*, new and adaptable approaches implemented; *Leadership and Community Empowerment*, leadership that has inspired action and change; *Gender Equality*, where social and cultural diversity and gender equality has been incorporated.

Two of the 2008 prize winners: In Sri Lanka, the **Community Development Centre** conserves nearly 60 indigenous varieties of roots and yams to generate income for over 300 households.

In Ecuador, the **Union of Farming and Indigenous Organizations of Cotacachi**, an organisation of 3,225 Quichua families, focuses on the re-introduction of traditional crops and medicinal plants and the maintenance of traditional cultural practices. As a result, incomes have risen substantially. [www.equatorinitiative.org](http://www.equatorinitiative.org)



### New on [www.compasnet.org](http://www.compasnet.org):

**Why is organic farming not spreading faster?** A report by CIKS, India combines results from four district level brainstorming sessions. This was followed up by a state-level brainstorming session with stakeholders in Tamil Nadu.

On the COMPAS Latin America website the following publications are now available: ***Aprendiendo el Desarrollo Endógeno Sostenible. Construyendo La Diversidad Bio-Cultural*** is the title of the translation of the book ***'Learning Endogenous Development'***.

The Endogenous Development Magazine is also now available in Spanish. See [www.compasla.org](http://www.compasla.org)

**Diagnosing Poverty in northern Ghana: Institutional versus Community Views.** A paper by Agnes Apusigah from the University of Development Studies in Ghana [www.compasnet.org](http://www.compasnet.org)

**Culture in development in Uganda.** Experiences and Prospects. Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda. Can be downloaded from the website: [www.crossculturalfoundation.or.ug](http://www.crossculturalfoundation.or.ug)

