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Trip Report: England 9–19 July 2008

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Purpose of Trip: To present SANREM research findings at the biennial meeting of the International Forestry Resources and Institutions Research Network and the biennial conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) and to bring SANREM partners together to discuss the project.

Sites Visited: University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham

Description of Activities:

- (1) **IFRI biennial meeting:** Project partners Andersson, Bauer, Fleischmann, Ostrom, Ssembajjwe, Merino, Mwangi, Ongugo, and Uberhuaga discussed developments in the IFRI network, changes to the protocol as a result of SANREM research, approaches to analysis, and to report generally on IFRI research in each country. Reporting included a summary by the Collaborating Research Centers (CRCs) in the SANREM partner countries about their work on SANREM. Eight other IFRI CRCs (Tanzania, Thailand, Nepal, India, Michigan, Colombia, Guatemala, Indiana) were also represented at the meeting and participated in discussion.

Topics discussed included the structure and usefulness of the household survey. Household-level data has been collected by IFRI partners previously in India, but SANREM is the first case

where such surveys have been used on a large scale. It was decided by the group that the household survey would be incorporated into the IFRI database (data collected with this survey has been kept in a stand-alone database until now), and made available to others for use, although it would not be required as part of the standard IFRI protocol.

The group also discussed statistical techniques for analyzing over-time data, information that will be useful as we approach the final year of SANREM.

(2) **IASC meeting:** All except Uberhuaga participated in the biennial meeting of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (<http://www.iascp.org/>). This organization is dedicated to understanding and improving institutions that manage collective resources all over the world—resources that include forests, fisheries, irrigation systems, and others. The purpose of the meeting was to present SANREM research findings in each of the four host countries, participate in other sessions, and to meet with all SANREM partners in attendance. SANREM partners met as a group twice during the conference to discuss the plan for Year 4 and joint analytical products. The group will rework the “Unpacking Decentralization” paper presented at the annual SANREM meeting as well as proceeding with data analysis and community level training during Year 4.

Emily Obonyo, Exclusion, poverty and Inequality in Decentralized Kenyan Forests: Bridging the Divide

Esther Mwangi, Forest Conservation and Gender Roles: Cases from East Africa and Latin America

Paul Ongugo, Internal Human Conflicts, Forest Conservation and Sustainable Development: The case of 5 forests in Kenya

Krister Andersson, Abwoli Banana, Rosario Leon and Esther Mwangi, Forest Decentralization: Racing to the bottom, to the top, or not in a hurry to go anywhere at all?

Joseph Bahati, Gombya-Ssembajjwe, Abwoli Banana, Multi-stakeholder governance in forestry in Uganda: Scale, knowledge and collective action

Leticia Merino, Ana Martinez, Local institutions, social organization and forest management in Mexico

Paul Ongugo, Security of Tenure in Natural Resource Management: An insight into Property Rights in Kenya

Krister Anderson, Marty Luckert and Esther Mwangi, Examining decentralization from a property rights perspective

Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:

Need to rework the outline for the decentralization group paper and to proceed with rewriting. Also requested training plans from all host country partners outlining how training funds will be used in Year 4.

List of Contacts Made:

Conference URL: <http://iasc2008.glos.ac.uk/iasc08.html>