



## **Poverty and Coping in Mongolia: Current Trends and Future Research Needs**

Organized by Zorig Foundation and DIW Berlin

Location: Bayangol Hotel, Ulaanbaatar

Date: March 12-13, 2009

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### **Program – Day 1 (March 12)**

8:30-9:00 **Check-in and Registration**

9:00-10:00 **Opening Session**

Introduces the aims of the workshop and outlines a planned research cooperation.

- Welcome, aim of workshop, logistics – B. Oyundari, Zorig Foundation
- Introducing the field: households coping with shocks – T. Brück, DIW Berlin
- An area studies perspective on discourses on zud – I. Stolpe, Humboldt University of Berlin

10:00-10:20 **Tea Break**

10:20-12:00 **Second session: Regional studies perspectives on zud and herders**

Reflects on herders' vulnerability to zud from historical and veterinary perspective. Chair: Erdenekhuu

- Historical perspective on nomads and zud – M. Tumurjav, International Institute for the Study of Nomadic Civilisations
- Technologies of nomads since 1990 – Ch. Songino, Mongolian State University of Agriculture
- Lessons of countryside development programs – A. Enkh-Amgalan, Centre for Policy Research

12:00-12:15 **Group Photograph**

12:15-1:30 **Lunch**

- 1:30-3:00     **Third session: Coping with zud in Mongolia**  
 Presents current social science research on herders' coping strategies with zud.  
 Chair: K. Schindler
- Problems in Disaster Management – B. Bayarjargal, National Emergency Management Agency
  - Socio-Ecological Vulnerability of Pastoral Communities and Strategy for Building Resilient Communities – T. Chuluun, National University of Mongolia and Global Citizen NGO
  - D. Murphy, University of Kentucky
- 3:00-3:30     **Tea Break**
- 3:30-5:00     **Fourth session: Zud and poverty**  
 Discusses the link between exposure to zud and poverty. Chair: Togtokh
- Dynamics of Risk, Vulnerability and Health among Herders in Post-Transition Mongolia – Craig R. Janes, Simon Fraser University
  - Using Mongolian household survey data to analyze herders' shock coping strategies – A. Solongo, National University of Mongolia
  - Soyolmaa, Swiss Agency for Cooperation and Development
  - Ericksen, University of Arizona
- from 7:00     **Workshop dinner at Puma Imperial Hotel**, address by Pius Fischer, German Ambassador to Mongolia

### **Program – Day 2 (March 13)**

- 8:30-10:30   **Fifth session: Data issues**  
 Reviews experience with collecting surveys among herders, explores opportunities of linking various data sources, discusses interrelations of data collection and research and identifies opportunities for future cooperation.  
 Chair: Khandsuren
- LSMS household surveys – Ts. Amartuvshin, National Statistical Office of Mongolia
  - Data Issues and Methods – M. Oyunjargal, National Statistical Office of Mongolia
  - Mongolia census-based poverty map – J. Doljinsuren and H. Coulombe, United Nations Development Programme
  - Results of Climate Disasters – D. Jugder, Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology

10:30-10:45 **Tea Break**

10:45-12:45 **Sixth session: Lessons learnt from policy responses to zud**

Discusses past experience with policies and programs targeting herders and the future role of the state in providing safety nets for herders. Chair: Oyundari

- Pastoral Risk Management – Enkhbat, Sustainable Livelihoods Project, World Bank Mongolia
- Index-based livestock insurance scheme – O.Erdenedalai, World Bank Mongolia
- Government Policy for protecting herders from risk – L. Choi-Ish, Ministry of Agriculture
- Demand for state programs – N. Amarjargal, Mongolian State University of Agriculture

12:45-1:30 **Closing session: Future needs of research**

Summarizes key findings of the workshop, discusses future research needs, points out data requirements and identifies challenges. Chair: T. Brück

- Solongo, National University of Mongolia
- Bolormaa, National Statistical Office of Mongolia
- Stolpe, Humboldt University of Berlin
- L. Choi-Ish, Ministry of Agriculture
- Janes, Simon Fraser University

1:30-3:00 **Lunch**