Emerging economies research dialogue

Review-cum-brainstorming workshop

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Main issues for consideration in the emerging economies research dialogue¹

Theme 1: Agriculture, food security and livelihood

- Market-oriented reforms are not sufficient for achieving agricultural growth, food security and livelihoods - what more is needed
- Managing risk for small holder farmers
- Appropriate public intervention, especially in the area of technology
- Natural resource management, particularly water resource management for sustainable agricultural growth

Theme 2: Technology and innovation

- Policy instruments for incentivizing and promoting innovation, including enabling macro policies
- Institutions for fostering innovation country experiences and new realities needing attention
- Measuring technology capability and innovation in developing countries: are traditional measures, such as investments in S&T as percentage of GDP, volume and growth of scientific papers, citations etc. adequate?
- Innovation for development

Theme 3: Energy, environment and climate change

- Assessment of models/frameworks/policy innovations in emerging economies to address the deployment of clean energy for improving efficiency, equity and ecological sustainability
- Role of governments in setting-up a framework for energy

 $^{^{1}}$ Exchange of draft papers and virtual dialogue in advance of actual meeting, particularly within thematic groups.

- Improving energy use in developing countries through information, public awareness and financing
- Large-scale expansion of available technology for renewables and energy efficiency in emerging economies vs. slow movement while new technologies develop

Theme 4: Health²

- Financing of universal health care coverage
- Making drugs affordable within TRIPS framework
- Stimulating human resource development in health care

² Adoption of the broader perspective of health systems evolution with focus on specific facets of the health system at each of the subsequent meetings.