



Sustainable Agriculture  
and Rural Development  
**MOUNTAIN POLICY PROJECT**

## Adelboden Group

### **A platform of discussion**

The participants of the Adelboden International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in Mountain Regions (Adelboden, Switzerland, June 2002) jointly agreed to “call on interested countries and other partners to establish an Adelboden Group on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in the Mountain Regions...”. According to the Declaration adopted by consensus at Adelboden, this Group is intended to be “a platform for discussion of policies and policy instruments, exchange of experience, and preparation of initiatives”. The Adelboden Group consists of different stakeholders (civil society, governments and international organizations) from all regions of the world.

### **An essential partner for the formulation of the SARD-M Project**

The Swiss Government, in close collaboration with FAO, responded to this appeal by initiating and financing the organisation of the first meeting of the Adelboden Group on 11 and 12 September 2003. The discussions and the proposals made by the Group were used as an input for **formulating a FAO multi-stakeholder project on sustainable agriculture and rural development in mountain regions (SARD-M)**, and in particular for defining its objectives and sub-objectives, and the main expected outputs. A second meeting was held from 5 to 6 October 2004 during which the Group’s discussions focussed on the identification of priority activities for 2005, as well as the modalities of the administrative organization of the project.

### **A consultative role, a support for the SARD-M Project**

The Adelboden Group is consulted on the substantive content of the project and in particular on the priorities that need to be taken into consideration in the annual work programme of the project, the methodological matters, the themes of regional workshops, and the strategy for disseminating its results. In particular, it discusses the results and recommendations of the project. The Group meets in principle once a year throughout the duration of the project. The next meeting, which will be for the Group’s Bureau, is planned at the end of 2005.

The group is moreover represented, in an advisory capacity, by two of its members in the Project Steering Committee.



## Mandate and missions of the Interim Bureau

The Group decided during the course of the meeting in October 2004 to create an interim Bureau with the mandate to:

- ▲ Maintain a role as focal point of the Adelboden Group working in close collaboration with the SARD-M Project Team. The representatives nominated for the Steering Committee will discuss the relevant issues with the Bureau;
- ▲ Prepare a framework consisting of the objectives, tasks and structure of the Adelboden Group;
- ▲ Prepare the next general meeting of the Adelboden Group in collaboration with the SARD-M Team;
- ▲ Follow, depending on the importance of the questions raised and available resources, all other activities of major interest for the Adelboden Group in the light of the Adelboden Declaration.

## Members of the Interim Bureau

The Interim Bureau of the Adelboden Group has been constituted taking into consideration its different stakeholders in a balanced manner (civil society, governments and international organizations, male/female parity, geographic regions, etc.)

The Interim Bureau has elected for two years the following members:

- ▲ **President:** Peru, Mr. Miguel Palomino
- ▲ **Secretary:** Switzerland, Mr. Hans-Jörg Lehmann
- ▲ **Five representatives of Governments:** Bolivia, France, Japan, Kenya, Morocco
- ▲ **Six representatives of Civil Society:**
  - International Federation of Agricultural Producers: Mr. Domenico Mastrogiovanni
  - International Indian Treaty Council: Mr. Estebancio Castro
  - International Partners for Sustainable Agriculture: Ms. Linda Elswick
  - Major Groups: Mr. Thomas Forster
  - Resources Oriented Development Initiatives: Mr. Eliud Ngunjiri
  - Women Organising for Change in Agriculture: Ms. Jeannette Gurung
- ▲ **Six representatives of International Organisations:**
  - CIP, International Potato Centre, Mr. Peter Trutmann
  - Euromontana, Mr. Frank Gaskell
  - ICARDA, International Centre for Agriculture Research in Dry Areas, Mr. Adel Aboul Naga
  - IFAD, International Fund for Agriculture Development, Ms. Atsuko Toda
  - UNEP, Interim Secretariat of the Carpatian Convention, Mr. Harald Egerer
  - SARD-M FAO Project Coordinator, Ms. Dominique Legros

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