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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

What's new?



The “ERP Tool Kit” contains today 120 books

Teaching and learning tools for rural people life can be consulted through the interactive research system of the “ERP Tool kit”. Such training tools are available at:
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPtktoolkit_en.htm

The “ERP Tool kit” provides materials for rural teachers, instructors, trainers, parents, researchers, extensionists and others involved in formal and non formal education for rural people. It could also provide tools for self studies. To facilitate the use items are classified into macro-categories (levels and types of education and subjects). For each item a short abstract that explains what the item is about and refers to related articles and information is provided. Most of the items are in English but some of them are also available in other languages, including local languages.

Members are invited to propose training materials to enrich the Tool Kit by entering:
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/Toolkit/ERPtkproposebyemail_en.htm

You could also propose us the links to learning materials published in your web site.

2006 International Capacity Building Events ([ERPotheractivities_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPotheractivities_en.htm))

among which:

- **Meeting of the International Working Group on Education (IWGE).**
(FAO Headquarter, Rome 12-14 June 2006)

The meeting addressed two major topics: Education for Rural People and Capacity Building. The meeting analyzed also what are the consequences of taking into consideration the specific needs of rural population at primary level, in non formal, technical and vocational, and higher education.

http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents49_en.htm

and related Press Clippings: http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/erparticlespress12_en.htm

- **Caribbean Conference on Education for Rural People: Food Security, Agricultural Competitiveness, Sustainable Livelihoods** (18 and 19 May 2006, Saint Lucia, West Indies). http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents48_en.htm

and related Press Clippings: http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/erparticlespress11_en.htm

The Caribbean Conference discussed how to foster education and training for people living in rural communities to accelerate the achievement of the MDGs. The conference also discussed how to increase employment and enhance livelihoods in the Caribbean and came up with a [communiqué](#) recommending specific actions to be carried out by interested stakeholders.

- **Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Secondary Agricultural Schools in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Republic of Serbia** (1 December 2006, FAO Headquarter, Rome)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPeventslast_en.htm
- **Forum-Workshop of education and rural development in Venezuela** (16 – 17 November 2006, Merida, Venezuela)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents55_en.htm
- **Education for Rural People (ERP) and rights based approaches to food security: towards a participatory approach in fighting against poverty** (17 – 18 October 2006, FAO Headquarter, Rome)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents54_en.htm
- **Education for Rural People (ERP) initiative gave a presentation in the province of Venice (Veneto) during the World Food Day** (16 October 2006, Mirano, Venice, Italy)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents53_en.htm
- **Human Development and Food Security and Educational for Rural People (ERP)** (6 – 11 October 2006, University of Rome Tre, Rome)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents52_en.htm
- **Seminar on Higher Education and international co-operation: role and strategies for universities** (27 – 29 September 2006, Montpellier, France)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents51_en.htm
- **On line video-conference on Education for Rural People**
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents50_en.htm
- **Role of Relevant Basic Education in Achieving Food Security and Sustainable Rural Development.** (10 May 2006, FAO Headquarter, Rome)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents49bis_en.htm
- **Promoting literacy to improve livelihoods in fishing communities** (30 June 2006, London)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents47_en.htm
- **On line chat on Education for Rural People** (9 May 2006, FAO Headquarter, Rome)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents46_en.htm
- **International Conference on Education for Rural People (ERP) and rights based approaches to food security: towards a participatory approach in fighting against poverty** (7 April 2006, Bruxelles)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents45_en.htm

- **The workshop "Poverty bets on Education for Rural people and Food Security"**
(5 April 2006, Bergamo, Italy)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents44_en.htm
- **The International Workshop on Education for Rural people and the MGD's objectives**
(4 April 2006, Milan, Italy)
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents43_en.htm

Main ERP policy achievement:

ERP was presented as a key decision-making policy issue at the **Fifth meeting of the annual High-level Group on Education for All** (Beijing, China, 28-30 November 2005).

See: http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPevents42_en.htm and related Press Clippings:
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/erparticlespress10_en.htm.

The final communiqué is available at:

<http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/beijingdocuments/EFA%20HLG%202005%20Communique%20Final.doc>

Sharing knowledge, research, information and good practices: 2006 main publications



- "Indicateurs pour la planification de l'éducation pour les populations rurales: un guide pratique " by C. Sauvageot and Patricia Dias Da Graça, Paris 2005. Full text available at: <http://www.unesco.org/iiep/PDF/pubs/indicateurs.pdf>
- A medium-term Strategy for Education for Rural People in Kosovo. Full text available at: <http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPkosovoenglish.pdf>

You can find all our publications at http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPpublications_en.htm

Virtual Publications

1. The Evolution of Agricultural Education and Training: Global Insights of Relevance for Africa.
<http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/Documents2006/GlobalAETInsightsEicher.pdf>
2. Skills Development for Rural People: A Renewed Challenge - November 2005
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/Documents2006/Paper_10.doc
3. The MDGs and Sustainable Rural Development in sub-Saharan Africa. Challenges and Implications for Education for Rural People (ERP)

http://www.fao.org/sd/dim_kn2/kn2_051101_en.htm

4. Les ONG françaises et le programme FAO/UNESCO "Education pour les populations rurales (EPR)" - June 2005

http://www.fao.org/sd/dim_kn2/kn2_050602_en.htm

Membership

We are now **293** members!

Number of partners	24	46	57	74	94	114	139
Period	12/12/2002	20/03/2003	10/06/2003	23/12/2003	27/05/2004	30/8/2004	30/9/2004
Number of partners	154	230	293				
Period	20/12/2004	20/12/2005	20/12/2006				

As you can see there is a continuous progress in the number of partners.



Partners by continent	
continent	number
Africa	63
Asia	52
Australia	3
Central America	45
Europe	92
North America	12
South America	26

Education for rural people (ERP) flagship members are listed in:
http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPmembersList_en.htm

Networking

We invite you to improve the exchange of experiences by filling in the questionnaire for members at http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERPMemberssignON_en.htm web page

and send us proposals of **articles for the ERP web site**, referring to your best practices, following the instructions specified in the ERP web site at http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/PartnersArticles_en.htm