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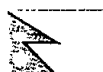
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INBAR

INBAR's mandate is research and development on bamboo and rattan to alleviate poverty within a sustainable development framework.

INBAR IS

A Non-profit

international organisation that develops, provides and promotes appropriate technologies and other bamboo and rattan based solutions to benefit people and their environment.

A World-wide Network

connecting governmental and non-governmental organisations and the private sector.

The Only

international organisation to focus on two key non-timber forest resources.

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Dedicated

to enhancing the contribution of bamboo and rattan to livelihood security, ecological security and food security.

OUR COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES

INBAR

- * Is the ideal means by which to address problems of poverty since bamboo and rattan are the two most important non-wood forest products, and benefit over half the world's population, mostly the poor.
- * Has a unique role in compiling global statistics and carrying out global studies for these two NTFPs.
- * Is a networked organisation set up to address grassroots development needs.
- * Operates as a "decentralized network", drawing on the strengths of and complementing its members.
- * Works in partnership with national organisations, particularly NGOs.
- * Is well structured to facilitate South-South communication and activities.
- * Is an independent international organisation able to address high priority issues.

OUR PROGRAMMES

Ecological Security

Scope

Resources; biodiversity; genetic diversity; site matching; endangered species; soil and water conservation; slope stability; degraded lands; carbon cycle; photosynthetic efficiency

Activities

- * Resource quantification
- * Species description
- * Biodiversity and genetics studies
- * Growth, nutrition and cycling studies
- * Ecophysiological studies
- * Root strength and slope stability studies
- * Resource growth modeling

Livelihood Development

Scope

Rural peoples; income security; craft industries; traditional uses; buffer zones; credit; policy

Activities

- * Policy analysis of constraints
- * Case studies of socio-economic systems
- * Field studies of improved systems
- * Technical studies of craft industries
- * Suitability studies of currently non-commercial species
- * South-South communication facilitated by INBAR
- * Formulation and implementation of livelihood development programmes

Economic Development

Scope

Export industries; SMEs; plantations; industrial utilisation; new products; furniture; housing and structural uses; preservation; markets and marketing; substitution; economics

Activities

- * Collection of market statistics
- * Analysis of market trends
- * Economic potential of plantation systems
- * Economic analysis of major industries
- * New industrial uses
- * New technologies for processing
- * Strength, physical properties and durability
- * Codes and standards

Outreach

Scope

South-South; poverty-focus; appropriate media; participation; institutional development; research management; training; impact

Activities

- * Needs assessments
- * Technology transfer
- * Training assessments and courses arranged
- * Impact assessments and monitoring

INBAR OUTREACH

INBAR communicates through:

- ◇ Technical Reports
- ◇ Working Papers
- ◇ Discussion Papers
- ◇ Proceedings
- ◇ Newsmagazine
- ◇ Workshops
- ◇ Internet
- ◇ Consultative Meetings