

Innovation in microinsurance for smallholder farmers

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Speakers' biographies

1. Annette Houtekamer - van Dam, Advisor Inclusive Insurance and integrated risk management

Since over thirteen years Annette Houtekamer-van Dam works with finance-, insurance- and development institutions to build a poverty-free, gender-balanced, equitable, ecological-sensitive, democratic, just and value based inclusive society. She assisted financial institutions and public and private sector organisations in designing demand-driven strategies, programmes, products, policies, systems and processes that are informed by global experience and tailored to local realities.

Her countries of experience are: India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, Senegal and South Africa.

Annette has a background in Social Science, Insurance and Economy and Business Administration (MBA). She worked with the Micro Insurance Network as Micro Insurance Expert and Achmea Insurance and Reinsurance where she has been responsible for the development of cutting edge risk finance solutions both for insurance and reinsurance clients. Since 2004, she was involved in Inclusive Insurance for Development projects and vice chair of the International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation (ICMIF) development committee. As senior manager and part of the Board of Interpolis She has been responsible for the commercial and financial targets of this insurance company. Annette has been Chair of the Dutch Reinsurance Association during 7 years, was steering group member of the Aga Khan-Gates Foundation Microinsurance Initiative and currently She is Board member of DHAN International, part of DHAN Foundation India.

2. Katharine Pulvermacher, Executive Director, Microinsurance Network

Katharine Pulvermacher is the Executive Director of the Microinsurance Network, the international multi-stakeholder platform for microinsurance experts to work together and focus on key areas for development in the sector.

Before taking up her current role, she was based briefly in Switzerland, where she provided independent consulting services to Deloitte, The Economist Intelligence Unit, the Alliance for Health



Policy and Systems Research (World Health Organization) and the International Trade Centre (Intracen). In 2010, Katharine became the first Africa Director of the Economist Corporate Network, an exclusive forum for networking and discussion bringing together senior executives from global multinationals based in Africa. Prior to joining The Economist Group, Katharine ran her own small consulting firm, African Rainbow Consulting, a social enterprise based in London, working, amongst others, with a network of associates to produce factsheets on 22 African countries, focusing particularly on the ICT (Information and Communication Technologies), renewable energy and water sectors.