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**Our vision:
inspiring
individuals and
organisations
in the
developing
world to
make better-
informed
decisions on
science- and
technology-
related issues
impacting on
sustainable
development**

From our director:



This is a good time for SciDev.Net

Throughout 2011 the number of readers registering to receive our news and services has continued to rise. We are particularly pleased with our growth in low- and middle-income countries, which now account for nearly 75 per cent of our global registrants. Contributions from journalists and commentators from the global South have also continued to increase. I am happy to see that these trends extend to the most recently developed of our hubs, the network in the South East Asia and Pacific region, where visitor numbers to our science news and analysis are increasing rapidly.

The SciDev.Net team has also developed some innovative partnerships around conference coverage. Convening is a crucial mechanism for growth and development in the scientific community, so our ability to make conference material accessible is a useful indicator of how well we serve our readership.

Impressive as they are, the achievements of the past year are only part of the reason for our optimism.

The organisation is planning for its new strategy, to be launched at the beginning of 2013. It is the result of an ongoing process of investigation, analysis and prototyping. A strategic evaluation which engaged over 3,000 respondents from all our stakeholder groups, and was initiated in 2011, is the foundation of this work.

The new strategy will be designed to consolidate SciDev.Net's achievements over the 12 years of its existence.

Another source of confidence is the team we have in place. Since my arrival at SciDev.Net, I have been impressed with the commitment and professionalism of those who work within the organisation. The scale of their ambition and impact belies the small size of the team.

I extend a special thanks to David Dickson and Tracy Irvine for their leadership as former Directors here. Similarly, I am grateful to our supporters, including our funders, over the years. We would not be where we are without them.

Ultimately, our confidence comes from our resolve to redress the imbalances in the generation of, and access to, scientific knowledge around the world. The levels of inequity in the research and information capability between developed and developing countries remain substantial and disturbing — ten years ago African-based scientists accounted for less than 3 per cent of scientific publications. Even today on Wikipedia there is more written about Germany than South America and Africa combined.

Science and technology are potent forces which can deliver a range of international development outcomes. SciDev.Net has a firm resolve to cultivate these forces in communities which are too often forgotten, even in our networked world.

Nick Ishmael Perkins

Director

Our goals:

SciDev.Net inspires people to believe science can help change the world

Our mission

To help individuals and organisations make informed decisions on science- and technology-related issues that affect sustainable development in the developing world, by improving access to the results of scientific research.

What we want to achieve

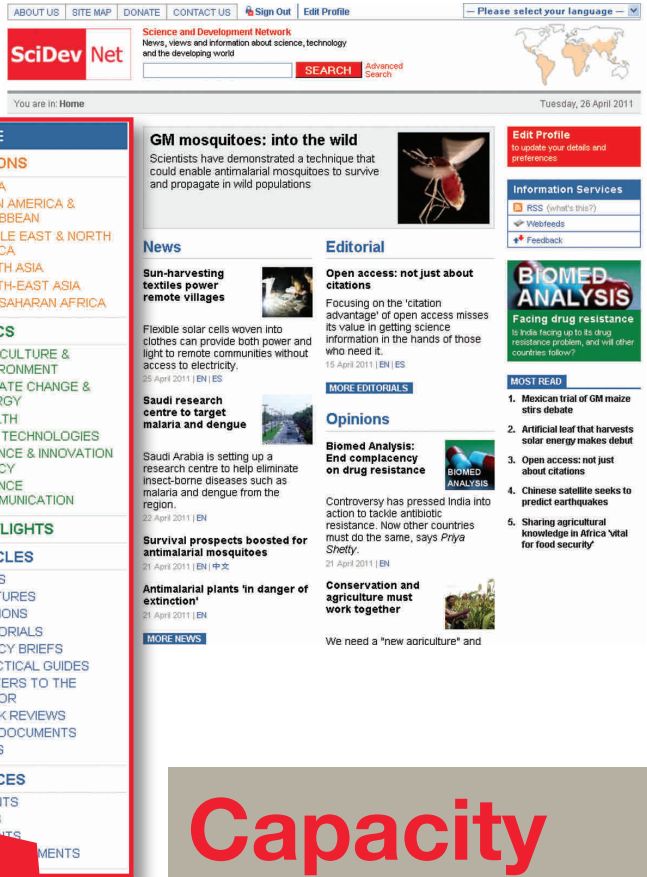
SciDev.Net wants to make science and scientific evidence better-integrated into policies, programmes and projects that reduce poverty, promote social well-being and build sustainable economic growth in support of the Millennium Development Goals.

How can we achieve this?

What we do:

Our website

The SciDev.Net website is our main channel for engaging our users and the general public with science- and technology-related issues in the developing world. We aim to offer a user-friendly, authoritative and interactive service providing accessible and timely news, information and opinion.



Features include: our topic and regional gateways, a large variety of articles, key documents and resources, announcement services

Capacity building

We enhance developing country researchers' and science communicators' capacity to present accurate and accessible information about science and technology, bridging the gap between research, policy and practice.

On the job mentoring

Through working for us our freelancers improve their skills and abilities, and 90 per of our stories are written by journalists in the region.

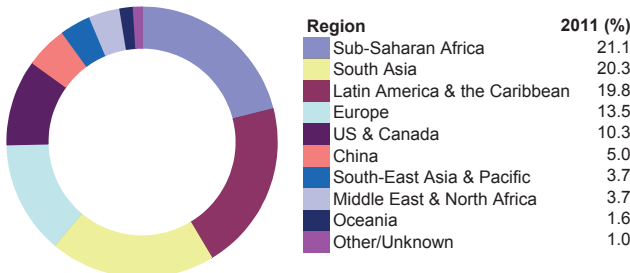
Science communication workshops

We help to train science communicators and journalists to improve their skills and update their knowledge in order to communicate science better. We also offer workshops for science researchers and policy stakeholders.

Practical guides

We regularly publish hints and tips for science journalists and researchers in the form of online Practical Guides. In these valuable resources, experienced science journalists offer advice and insight into various areas of science communication.

Regional distribution of registrants (%)





2011 was a year of change for SciDev.Net with the founder and former Director, David Dickson, standing down in June. David had a vision for creating a culture of science to help reduce poverty and drive sustainable development. Under his ten-year leadership the organisation grew to cover global news and analysis on science and technology for development, written by local science journalists from low- and middle-income countries.

The past ten years have shown the power of science for development. The emerging economies — Brazil, Mexico, China and India — have risen into countries with strong science bases that fundamentally assist their development. SciDev.Net has been there with them, each step of the way, reporting, analysing and sometimes criticising the growing science economies. Each of those countries has a large, vibrant, readership. So we know the formula works, but there is still a lot more work to do.

At the end of our first ten years, we have made a step change in how we understand our readership, their needs and our impacts. Finding out what impacts news and analysis have on development is not an easy task. We have continued to develop monitoring and evaluation systems that ask our readers to 'Tell us your story' on how our news has influenced their lives and development. And we are tracking the impacts of Opinion authors' pieces on their scientific, policy and practical networks. We are also finding out more about Southern science journalists, where they are, how they operate and how we can assist them.

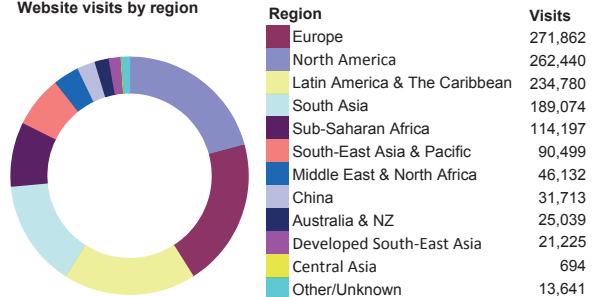
SciDev.Net remains committed to its vision and continues to develop as the world of science and science communication develops. In June, 2011 we attended the World Conference of Science Journalists with 30 of our freelance journalists and press officers from southern research institutes. It was impressive how a global community of science communicators could discuss topics as diverse as social media's impact in the Arab Spring and the role of science in the future, censorship of science, the absence of formal science journalist training in Africa, and a multitude of new and exciting communication media channels, in particular those around social media.

SciDev.Net thrives on the new explosion of science communication that we have helped build. Enabling local journalists (90 per cent of our articles are written by local science journalists) to comment on local and international science and technology news is an effective means of science innovation. Science communication that is appropriate to local contexts can ultimately lead to greater uptake of science and technology, helping alleviate poverty and working towards a more sustainable and equal world.

Tracy Irvine

Director, interim (June 2011– March 2012)
Head of business development

Website visits by region



SciDev.Net supports freelancers to ensure there is power beyond publication



"My article was quoted many times by media and experts, forcing individuals to say they were interested in science and technology. Thus the issue was put on the agenda."

SciDev.Net's global network of freelance contributors is more than 255 strong and now provides over 90 per cent of our news. SciDev.Net's support and mentoring means freelancers' stories get posted and promoted after a final edit, encouraging them to dig deeper and emphasise local context. In a recent survey, more than 90 per cent of our freelancers agreed SciDev.Net had helped improve their news-writing skills.

In 2011 we surveyed freelancers about the impact of their articles beyond publication and found 9 per cent had led or contributed to a government decision or policy, and 8 per cent had stimulated an NGO into action. And a few articles even gained mainstream media attention through TV, radio and national printed publications. To quote two respondents:

Author of *Banana compost could boost crop yields*, "publication has encouraged the researcher to approach the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture, and ask officials to activate their search on a large scale."

Author of *Tool helps farmers to anticipate their future climate*. "Tekalign Mamo, Ethiopian agriculture minister, called me a few days after publication to say he will reprint and circulate it among his officers and get local press to follow up the project."

Expand our content

SciDev.Net aims to provide information written for the developing world, by the developing world, that resonates with our audiences, maximising impact and promoting discussion around topics of international and regional concern.

Achievements in 2011

- In 2011 SciDev.Net published 670 news articles, 90 per cent of which were written by freelance journalists in the developing world.
- We published 130 original opinion articles and opinion summaries, sourcing expert views from across the globe to provide a platform for authoritative debate on hot topics.
- In the build up to Rio+20 — the UN Conference on Sustainable Development — to be held in Brazil in June 2012, we launched a website subtopic with news, expert commentary and analysis devoted to all the science that you need to know on the road to, during and after Rio+20.
- Thanks to our network of freelancers across the world, SciDev.Net continued to offer prompt and high-quality disaster coverage, particularly behind the Horn of Africa drought and the Fukushima nuclear disaster. SciDev.Net's story on how the Horn of Africa drought had been predicted months in advance but the warning was ignored was followed by similar stories in Nature, and the Economist, and was quoted in an Oxfam report on the issue.
- Joel D Adriano became our South-East Asia and Pacific regional coordinator, and works to develop the region's coverage. This is the first step in a strategic expansion in the region, made possible by funding from AusAID.
- Theodore Kouadio, based in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, joined SciDev.Net as part of our Africa team as Francophone West Africa news coordinator to build our coverage in this region.

Increase our readership

We aim to ensure the SciDev.Net website becomes an invaluable resource, helping to disseminate science and technology information to a wider audience, including policymakers, researchers and the public.

Achievements in 2011

- In 2011 SciDev.Net received more than 1.3 million visits to the website and over 2.4 million pageviews. More than half of these visits were from developing countries.
- The number of registered users increased by 10 per cent in 2011, reaching more than 59,700. Registrants from developing regions now make up more than 73 per cent of our users. By signing up to SciDev.Net they receive regular SciDev.Net communications, can submit comments to the website, communicate with other users and post items to the free notices section.
- During 2011, our focus on gender-related issues included publishing a Spotlight 'Overcoming gender barriers in science' in June and adding more than 30 articles on the topic to the website. This contributed to more than 2,000 women registering with SciDev.Net in 2011, an increase from 2010 of more than 30 per cent. During 2011 60 per cent of all new registrants were women.
- We increased the number of policy-related registrants, such as government officials, policy researchers, aid agency officials and NGO officials, by 12.5 per cent during 2011. We achieved this through a number of successful targeted Policy Resource Campaigns; highlighting the specific resources we have available for policy stakeholders.
- We make all SciDev.Net articles available to reproduce under a Creative Commons license as well as through formal content partnerships. SciDev.Net stories can be seen regularly reproduced on websites such as Nature, Guardian Development Network, AllAfrica.com, Environmental Expert, Dawn.com, eScience news, Tree Hugger, Afronline, and the Times of India.

SciDev.Net Award sharpens the skills of a journalist in Nigeria



"The Fellowship made me a better science journalist, able to handle science stories so that my readers get a clear and more independent view of what I am communicating."

Emeka Johnkingsley Anuforo is a science journalist working for The Guardian in Nigeria

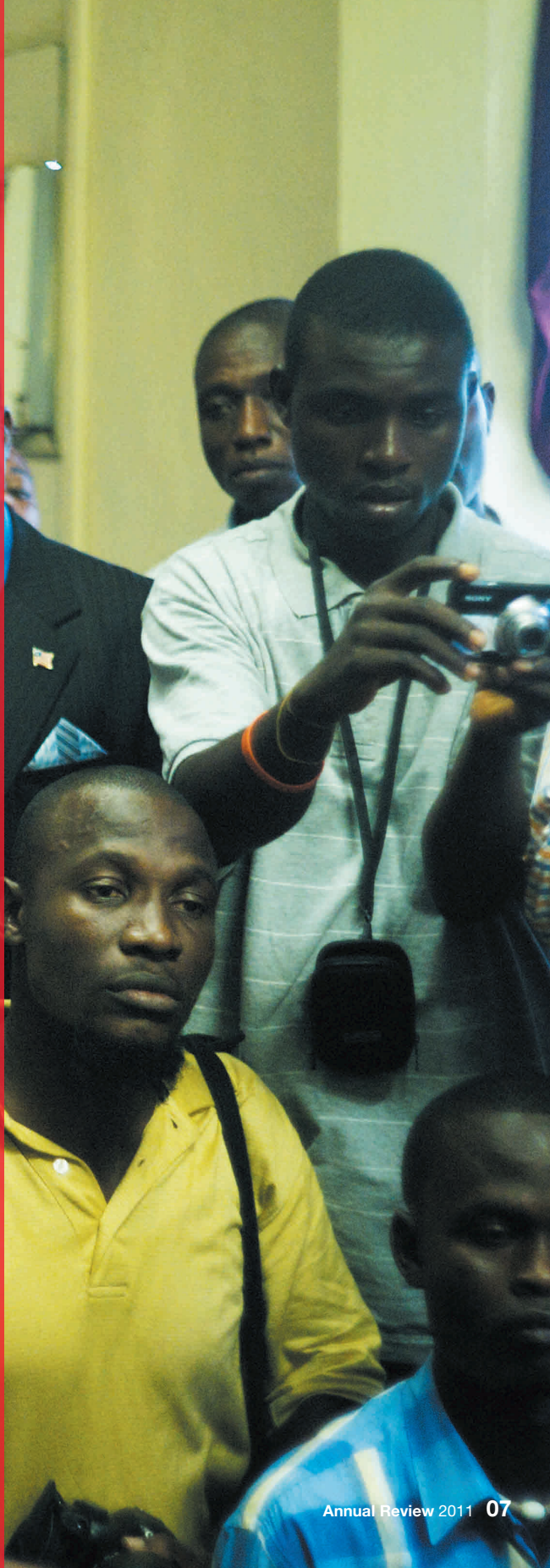
Emeka Johnkingsley Anuforo won the IDRC/SciDev.Net 2011 Science Fellowship, including mentoring, conference and research centre visits and 16 days with SciDev.Net and other science media outlets in London. Anuforo sharpened his writing skills, focused on science journalism, and learnt about editing and sub-editing.

Anuforo first practised pitching stories with well researched ideas; he then used these skills in Nigeria, Ghana and Senegal to develop his ideas into stories, of which SciDev.Net published many. Anuforo says "This phase made a big impact on my science journalism career. I learnt to be more thorough and to verify my sources and the information I am given."

He plans to transfer his skills to colleagues, saying, "The Nigerian Association of Science Journalists, where I am National Vice President, presents this unique opportunity. I will be an advocate of better science journalism in Nigeria and West Africa as a whole."

The fellowship led to SciDev.Net partnering the Association on its annual conference, equipping journalists, scientists and public relations officers with modern science communication skills.

Anuforo says, "Science is truly indispensable in national development. Journalists can bring science to the forefront and help set agendas for policymakers. I am a living witness to this."



China

Li Jiao, China news correspondent

In 2011 there was much feedback and comments on our regional stories, showing how SciDev.Net is promoting discussion on China's science policies and actions.

Some of the more popular stories have featured cultural discrimination against women in science and a programme to predict earthquakes from space. We have been working with Chinese content to make it more attractive to scientists in China and to syndicate it to other websites, such as ScienceNet.cn, which is organised by the Chinese Academy of Sciences, to encourage more regional scientists to take part in the discussion.



Latin America and Caribbean

Luisa Massarani, Latin America and Caribbean regional coordinator

During 2011, SciDev.Net led four science communication workshops in the region.

Three of them (in El Salvador, Venezuela and Bolivia) used our successful strategy of working with local organisations. This ensures workshops reflect local needs, and builds synergy with those organisations. The fourth workshop, in Argentina, was jointly organised with the InterAmerican Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS), based in Washington DC, USA.

SciDev.Net's local journalists reported several new regional science and technology initiatives: Uruguay and Argentina announced two joint bi-national research centres on agrifood and renewable energies; Argentina and South Africa launched a shared virtual nanotechnology centre aimed at improving the research capacity of both countries and signed an agreement with the EU to boost nanotechnology research by private companies (worth 19.6 million Euros); and the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil, launched a plan to create 15 centres of excellence in science. This last initiative also aims to research projects in collaboration with scientists in other countries. Our coverage highlighted collaborative aspects of these initiatives, and their potential synergistic effects.



Middle East and North Africa

Bothina Osama, Middle East and North Africa regional coordinator

The Arab revolutionary spring hit many countries in the Middle East and North Africa in 2011, bringing with it a new image of the region, especially for science. SciDev.Net was able to provide excellent coverage of how science policies were changing, and scientific research was developing in the region during this dynamic period.

We have also seen many media platforms reprint stories about the region that first appeared on SciDev.Net.

Although the revolutions resulted in some damage in science research centres, like the looting in Egypt that damaged key seed collections, and the destruction that afflicted the Agriculture Research Centre in Libya, they also helped establish science as an advanced priority in these states. And they boosted science funding. Egypt announced ambitious science spending plans, while Tunisia had plans to boost its S&T with a US\$16.5 million project, and Algeria plans further growth for science.



Sub-Saharan Africa

Ochieng' Ogodo, Sub-Saharan Africa regional news editor

2011 was yet another productive year for SciDev.Net in Sub-Saharan Africa. The year saw the expansion of our coverage in every Anglophone region and in Francophone Africa, mostly in the western part of the continent. This has seen news stories from countries like Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal now appearing on our website, either on the home page or regional gateway. This was an exciting development and is working very well. We also increased our coverage from eight stories a month to twelve, and in so doing demonstrated our commitment and desire for growth in our Sub-Saharan Africa coverage.

There was a growing interest among African politicians in S&T, particularly in innovation driven by Africans themselves. This interest is reflected in initiatives such as the Pan Africa University and the building of a small, green electric car by Uganda's Makerere University scientists and students. Senegal also came up with a plan to put innovation at the heart of its S&T to help translate research into practical results.



South Asia

T V Padma, South Asia regional coordinator

Two topics took centre-stage in South Asia's news in 2011: the implications of the Fukushima nuclear disaster and climate change. The debate over the Fukushima event resonated in South Asia, and the regional gateway promptly produced a mix of news and opinions from two of the most widely respected nuclear policy analysts in the region.

South Asia will face the brunt of climate change and related natural disasters, so SciDev.Net is taking a strong lead in covering these topics, offering perspectives from the Himalayan peaks to the coasts of Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Our news reports ranged from a new inventory of Himalayan glaciers, to how flood-hit Pakistan is expanding its glacier monitoring network and finalising its climate change strategy, to a severe drought in the tiny Himalayan country of Bhutan.



South-East Asia and Pacific

Joel D Adriano, South-East Asia and Pacific regional coordinator

Science should not be hard to understand, and technologies should be within reach of the majority, and that is what SciDev.Net has been successful in showing.

Sitting in the Pacific Ring of Fire, countries in South-East Asia and the Pacific are at risk of disasters and calamities such as flooding, earthquakes and tsunamis. Science reporting in the region for 2011 featured the innovations and research that try to address calamities such as tsunamis and flooding, and how best to respond to climate change. The most useful among these were the alert systems that even developing nations could afford, like the low-cost landslide sensors and SMS alerts.

SciDev.Net's regional news also tackled mosquito-related studies (a pepper trap for dengue mosquitoes and a seaweed drug for malaria) and research on the staple food — rice. For example, stories covered flood resistant rice varieties and fungi that protect rice plants against climate change.

SciDev.Net's timely reporting on these issues contributed to its high readership in the region and attracted more freelancers to express interest in joining our network, proving its increasing popularity.



Increase our impact on policy

SciDev.Net contributes to a political climate that accepts scientific research and technological innovation as a source of both social improvement and sustainable economic growth in the developing world.

Achievements in 2011

- In 2011 we published three Spotlights, which offer facts and figures, present different angles on hotly debated issues, and highlight relevant policy briefs and effective strategies for policymakers. The Spotlights examined:
 - *Detecting counterfeit drugs*
 - *Overcoming gender barriers in science*
 - *Nuclear power after Fukushima*
- We continue to provide a valuable library of resources for policymakers, to which we added nine policy brief summaries and over 170 new key documents and links in 2011.
- launched a campaign to increase the use of our policy-related material, and to increase the number of new registrants who are active in the policy-influencing arena. Our Policy Resource Update was emailed to existing policy-related registrants as well as over 2,000 new contacts interested in science policy. It contributed to our 12.5 per cent increase in policy-related registrants in 2011.
- Our monthly columns — Africa Analysis, by science journalist Linda Nordling, Islam Analysis, by policy analyst Athar Osama, and Biomed Analysis, by journalist Priya Shetty — continue to be widely read, attracting more than 17,000 visitors during 2011.

Use technology to engage with our users

We encourage discussion and interaction among our users, increasing their understanding and engagement, both of which are required to ensure open and democratic debate about science and technology.

Achievements in 2011

- SciDev.Net's Twitter and Facebook profiles continued to thrive during 2011. We gained more than 3,000 followers on Twitter and 2,000 fans on Facebook by the end of the year, contributing to a 110 per cent increase visits to the website originating from these forms of social media. This has increased our engagement, understanding of, and interaction with our users in a less formal and more immediate environment.
- The SciDev.Net blog attracted 20,000 visits during 2011 — the most popular year yet. We blogged from six events including the World Conference of Science Journalists 2011, World Science Forum, Mobile Health Summit, Pacific Science Congress and Eye on Earth. The blog allows us to bring immediate and well-informed coverage to our users, making international events more accessible.
- We embarked on a Search Engine Optimisation project in 2011 to improve the relevance and visibility of our webpages across all search engines. This work involved small changes to our website page indexing, and submission of our articles into Google News.
- We improved delivery and scalability of the website to our global audience through two initiatives. We now provide faster access to our web pages by delivering content through servers located closer to our international users. We have also developed our website infrastructure to maximize page delivery and performance during peak traffic periods, such as email marketing and when stories go viral.
- We produced a 'mobile' version of the website, giving improved 'on-the-go' access to SciDev.Net. This particularly helps users in developing countries where phones are more common than computers. This work is the first phase in our plans for mobile technology developments, including Apps.

SciDev.Net helps a scientific researcher contribute to development in Mexico



"It's not easy to find reliable information from developing countries and SciDev.Net has filled this gap."

Pablo Liedo is a senior scientific researcher in insect ecology and pest management at El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR) in Mexico

For Liedo, SciDev.Net's most important aspect is sustainability. ECOSUR's mission is sustainable development through scientific research. SciDev.Net keeps Liedo up-to-date on many aspects of sustainable development, influencing how he collaborates with others and approaches policymakers.

Liedo says "SciDev.Net has been very useful in helping me to show policymakers how scientific research is important to issues regarding sustainable development."

He has also learnt about development issues elsewhere; reading how others approach similar sustainability problems. "One of the aspects I regard most highly about SciDev.Net is the quality of the information. It is well founded, balanced and open", he says.

SciDev.Net helps justify and support research projects on agroecology, biodiversity conservation, social development and human well-being, and science communication and policy at ECOSUR.

Liedo has been researching the Sterile Insect Technique. He says "SciDev.Net news on the controversial use of GM mosquitoes to control dengue transmission told me about new developments, different tests, and opinions on this new technology and its implications."



Build local capacity

SciDev.Net strives to ensure science communication becomes an integral part of both national and international innovation systems, and the international aid agenda.

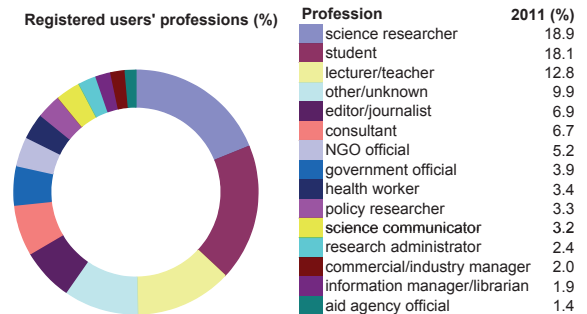
Achievements in 2011

- The SciDev.Net network of freelancers is now over 225 strong and together they provide more than 90 per cent of our coverage. We work closely with the freelancers developing their skills and mentoring them during the research, writing and publication process.
- SciDev.Net led four science communication workshops in 2011, jointly organised by Luisa Massarani, SciDev.Net's Latin America and Caribbean regional coordinator, and organisations in El Salvador, Venezuela, Bolivia, and also with the InterAmerican Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS), Washington DC.
- SciDev.Net also delivered workshops for press officers at the World Conference for Science Journalists, Doha, Qatar and for Francophone regional, science journalists in Benin, West Africa, in collaboration with Benin Journalists and Communicators Science Association (BJCSA).
- To ensure regular coverage from the South-East Asia & Pacific we appointed a new regional coordinator, Joel D Adriano, based in Manila, Philippines. Joel has been building a network of science journalists and making connections to scientific organisations across the region. AusAID has supported this work.
- We published three new Practical Guides in 2011. These valuable resources offer advice and insight from experienced science journalists into writing about science:
 - *How to write about your science*
 - *How scientists can reach out with social media*
 - *Beyond press releases: How to dig up science stories*

- In 2011 our regional coordinators, editors and freelancers blogged from six regional and international events, giving our team the opportunity to expand their journalistic skills in the world of social media and giving our audiences immediate access to a diverse range of events. Our blog can be found at <http://scidevnet.wordpress.com/>.

The six meetings were:

- Eye on Earth Summit — Dec, 2011
- World Science Forum — Nov, 2011
- Mobile Health Summit — June, 2011
- Pacific Science Congress — June, 2011
- World Conference for Science Journalists — June, 2011
- Leveraging Agriculture for Improving Nutrition and Health — Feb, 2011



Improve access to research

SciDev.Net aims to make the research community more aware of the need for better science and technology communication with both policymakers and the public, and works for the institutional and cultural changes needed to bring this improvement about.

Achievements in 2011

- SciDev.Net embarked on a partnership programme in the South-East Asia and Pacific region, working with several scientific organisations. These relationships will ensure these organisations' latest research findings, exclusive news stories and press releases reach our news teams promptly, getting timely coverage. We are working with the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR), The World Fish Center, the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT).
- We added links and summaries to 46 opinion articles, 90 links to key documents, and 62 links to our resources sections. These offer pathways to key research articles, and to reports and research from global journals and other major international sources.
- We continue to cooperate closely with the magazines Science and Nature, who grant our users free access to selected papers and articles on scientific and technological research each week.

Respond to user demand

SciDev.Net will develop so it responds to the evolving needs of people using its website and services, and provides services that offer enduring value.

Achievements in 2011

- We began a global strategic evaluation that is including both on-line and in-country surveys and evaluates the consumption of scientific information by a number of our main user groups: academics and researchers, NGOs, local and central government officials, the private sector and media organisations. We also began a survey, in partnership with the London School of Economics, on science journalists across the globe. Results will be published at the end of 2012 and are set to inform our new strategic plan beginning in January 2013.
- We have employed an Evaluation officer to understand our audiences and to track our impacts through studies such as our continuing 'Tell us your story' campaign. The officer also leads work on the impact of Opinion pieces and on monitoring and adapting our Theory of Change.

Increase strategic alliances

SciDev.Net works to disseminate science and technology information via international partners that facilitate inclusiveness in the decision-making process.

Achievements in 2011

- SciDev.Net was the official media partner for the World Conference of Science Journalists 2011 (WCSJ2011), in Qatar. As part of this partnership we:
 - Blogged from the event
 - Provided news coverage
 - Sent 17 journalists from all over the world
 - Hosted an event where our network of journalists, coordinators and London-based staff could meet
 - Helped organise a workshop for African media officers
 - Contributed to and spoke at several events
- SciDev.Net, and its commercial Conference Services Unit, was the official appointed media partner of the Eye on Earth Summit, Abu Dhabi, December 2011. Together we:
 - Blogged from the event
 - Published 16 news and features articles to our Eye on Earth events page
 - Published Q&As with high-profile participants of the summit, including Achim Steiner, UN Environment Programme executive director
 - Produced a conference report.
 - Sent six journalists from around the world to cover the proceedings
- In 2011 we became part of the Guardian Development Network, and we are pleased to be continuing our relationship with the Guardian Environment Network and AlertNet, ensuring our articles reach a wider audience across the globe.
- We developed and launched our partnership programme in the South-East Asia and Pacific region in 2011. We offered opportunities to scientific organisations to partner with us across content, notices and promotional platforms.

Build a strong and sustainable financial base

SciDev.Net aims to develop and maintain a secure financial base in order to sustain operations, fund activities and nourish our growth.

Achievements in 2011

- We continue to work closely with our three main funders, who support us generously: the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs (DGIS).
- For 2011 the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC) continued to support us. We used their funding to develop news-reporting skills in Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East and North Africa regions, and to develop elements of our website to improve availability, accessibility, delivery, as well as user engagement with our material.
- AusAID awarded us funding to invest in our South-East Asia and Pacific gateway over 2011. We employed a new regional coordinator, launched a new Asia-Pacific Analysis column, initiated a partnership programme with scientific organisations in the region, invested in reaching and engaging with a wider audience, and will hold a regional science communication workshop in Fiji in 2012.
- We have developed a new paid-for conference coverage service and were appointed as the official media partner of the Eye on Earth Summit, Abu Dhabi, December 2011.

Our financial information for 2011

Statement of financial activities

	2011 £	2010 £
Incoming resources		
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>		
Voluntary income	1,147,100	972,177
Investment income	-	-
Other incoming resources	43,960	4,466
Services in kind	-	3,227
Total incoming resources	1,191,060	979,870
Resources expended		
Costs of generating funds	51,828	58,387
Charitable activities	1,058,640	887,020
Governance costs	48,388	47,776
Total resources expended	1,158,856	993,183
Net income/(expenditure) before transfer	32,204	(13,313)
Total funds at 1 January	240,892	254,205
Total funds at 31 December	273,097	240,892

Summary balance sheet at 31 December 2011

	2011 £	2010 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	130,426	115,303
Current assets		
Debtors	398,008	139,518
Cash at bank and in hand	11,492	132,076
	409,500	271,594
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(266,829)	(146,005)
Net current assets	142,671	125,589
Net assets	273,097	240,892
Funds		
Restricted funds	-	-
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>		
Designated fixed asset funds	130,426	115,303
Designated core funds	84,761	98,475
General funds	57,910	27,114
Total funds	273,097	240,892

Trustees' statement

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet are not the full statutory accounts but are a summary of the information which appears in the full accounts. The full accounts have been audited and given an unqualified opinion. The full accounts were approved by the Finance Committee of SciDev.Net on the 1st of May 2012; approval by the full board will be on the 3rd July 2012. Copies of the financial statements will be submitted to the Charity Commission and Registrar of Companies. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Company. Further information, including the auditor's report, can be obtained by contacting the Company's offices.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of SciDev.Net

Statutory Auditor: Kingston Smith LLP

We have audited the financial statements of SciDev.Net for the year ended 31 December 2011 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (the Summary Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally accepted Accounting Practice)...

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2011 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended; have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ... [;] the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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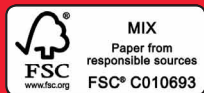
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