



In this document you will find all material related to the Dimitra Initiative (website, links, brochures, briefs, reports, workshop reports, newsletters, publications, videos, guidance notes). Each material is accompanied by a short description and the links in the available languages.

- **FAO Dimitra Website available in French and English**

English: <http://www.fao.org/dimitra/home/en/>

French: <http://www.fao.org/dimitra/accueil/fr/>

In this website it is possible to find general information about the Dimitra project, including all the material available in French and English.

- **Dimitra Newsletters (available in English and French)**

English <http://www.fao.org/dimitra/dimitra-publications/newsletter>

French <http://www.fao.org/dimitra/publications-dimitra/bulletin/fr/>

Dimitra publishes a bi-annual newsletter which provides information about the activities of the project, its partner organisations and other civil society organisations in Africa. The newsletter is disseminated worldwide, is free of charge and is available in English and French.

- **Dimitra Fact sheet Dimitra community listeners' clubs: A unique approach**

English: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/dimitra/pdf/fiche_cec_2013_en.pdf

French: **Les clubs d'écoute communautaires Dimitra : Une approche unique**
http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/dimitra/pdf/fiche_cec_2013_fr.pdf

What is it that makes the Dimitra community listeners' clubs so special? This fact sheet answers that question by highlighting the eight key features that are crucial to the functioning of the Dimitra listeners' clubs, and which make the approach unique.

- **Communicating Gender for Rural Development, Integrating gender in communication for development, FAO-Dimitra 2011, (available in English and French),**

English <http://www.fao.org/docrep/014/am319e/am319e00.pdf>

French <http://www.fao.org/docrep/013/am319f/am319f00.pdf>

In this publication, the FAO-Dimitra Project shares its experience in this area. Aimed at all development practitioners, the publication encourages the inclusion of a gender perspective in communication for development initiatives in rural areas. It suggests practical ways of going about this, thus aiming to change attitudes and working practices so that projects and programmes take greater account of the specificities, needs and aspirations of men and women.

- **Community listeners' clubs: stepping stones for action in rural areas, FAO-Dimitra, 2011, (available in English and French),**

English <http://www.fao.org/dimitra/dimitra-publications/publications>

French

http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/dimitra/pdf/clubs_d_ecoute_2011_fr_light.pdf

This publication summarises the unique experience of the Dimitra clubs set up in Niger and the Democratic Republic of Congo by FAO-Dimitra and its partners. These action based information and communication processes have proved so successful that Dimitra decided to share the experience. The first chapter offers a brief overview of the community listeners'



clubs, their goals and internal functioning and the results achieved. The second chapter tells the story of the listeners' clubs in the words of the stakeholders, explaining how they were established in the two countries. The third chapter sets out more practical guidelines on the stages involved in creating community listeners' clubs.

- **Fiche de bonne pratique – Les clubs d'écoute communautaires Dimitra au Niger**
<http://www.fao.org/docrep/018/aq225f/aq225f.pdf>

La présente fiche s'adresse à toute personne susceptible de s'intéresser aux clubs d'écoute communautaires Dimitra au Niger.

Cette fiche a pour objectif de:

- promouvoir l'utilisation de la bonne pratique des clubs d'écoute Dimitra ;
- stimuler la mobilisation et la participation des communautés rurales par la communication sociale et l'accès à l'information, pour qu'elles sortent de leur isolement et trouvent ensemble des moyens d'action ;
- faciliter la communication, l'action et la gouvernance communautaire en milieu rural pour permettre l'autonomisation économique et sociale sensible au genre des populations ainsi que l'amélioration de leur situation alimentaire et de leurs conditions de vie en général.

- **Dimitra Workshop report: Land access in rural Africa: Strategies to fight gender inequality**
FAO-Dimitra workshop – 22-26 September 2008
<ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/011/ak159e/ak159e.pdf>

The aim of the workshop was to establish, in cooperation with all partners of the Dimitra network, information and communication strategies to fight gender inequality as regards to land access and its consequences for the food security and living conditions of rural populations in Africa.

- **Brief Partnering for Results- Dimitra community Listeners' clubs empower rural women and men**

English: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/018/i2940e/i2940e14.pdf>

Arabic: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/018/i2940a/i2940a14.pdf>

Español: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/018/i2940s/i2940s14.pdf>

Français: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/018/i2940f/i2940f14.pdf>

Russian: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/018/i2940r/i2940r14.pdf>

Chinese: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/018/i2940c/i2940c14.pdf>

In 2013 Dimitra has been selected to be included in a package of 29 FAO stories that show what can be achieved when FAO swings into action. Out of these stories only five (among these also Dimitra) were chosen to be showcased in a video on "Partnering for Results". This brief illustrates examples of the impact of the Dimitra clubs and their contribution to rural women and men's empowerment.

- **Guidance note - Gender-based violence and livelihood interventions:** Focus on populations of humanitarian concern in the context of HIV and AIDS FAO, 2010 (with input from Dimitra)
http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/dimitra/pdf/guidance_note_gbv_livelihoods.pdf



This Guidance Note provides an overview of the complex interactions between GBV, HIV and AIDS and rural livelihoods, based on the available literature and findings from FAO field studies in Kenya and Uganda. The studies, conducted in humanitarian settings, focused mainly on the relationships between these issues, and on identifying the appropriate livelihood strategies to mitigate and prevent GBV, and strengthen people's resilience.

It also gives information on how to make livelihood interventions in the agricultural sector relevant to the realities of GBV and commercial sex, and thus enhance the effectiveness of the programmatic response to both food and livelihoods insecurity and GBV, in the context of humanitarian crises and HIV.

- **Tackling legal empowerment: the Farmer Life School approach. Workshop report- FAO, March 2009**

http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/dimitra/pdf/fls_legal_empowerment.pdf

Because of its participatory and community-based methodologies and its focus on empowerment, self-reliance and gender equality, the FAO's Farmer Life School (FLS) approach is increasingly seen as a good platform for delivering gender and legal empowerment messages within the rural context. The first experience of using this approach for raising awareness of farmers on legal issues and strengthening their capacity to use law and legal services has been experimented in Kenya, at the Coastal Province. Dimitra's approach contributed to this thinking process. In this context, FAO held a workshop on "Tackling legal empowerment: a Farmer Life School approach" in Nairobi, Kenya, from 3 to 4 March 2009.

- **Dimitra Workshop Brochure: Women's access to land in West Africa: problems and suggested solutions in Senegal and Burkina Faso**

French: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/ap532f/ap532f.pdf>

This brochure summarizes the key ideas of the presentations, discussions and recommendations of the Dimitra workshop held in Mbour (Senegal) from 2 to 4 July 2008 by Enda-Pronat and RECIF/ONG-BF, with the support of Dimitra and the IDRC, International Development Research Centre (Canada). The meeting focused on exploring the issue of rural women's access to land in Senegal and Burkina Faso.

- **Dimitra Workshop Brochure: Strengthening the information, communication and gender capacities of farmers' organisations and community radio stations in Katanga province**
Download the brochures: *French - Kiswahili - Lingala - Tshiluba -Kikongo* (about 3 MB each)

This brochure summarizes the key ideas of the presentations, discussions and recommendations of the Dimitra workshop held in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), from 4-8 June 2007.

- **Rural women, dynamisation of networks and the fight against HIV/AIDS in rural areas- A Dimitra/CTA Joint Workshop in Brussels (Belgium) from 13-17 June 2005**
<http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/ap522e/ap522e00.pdf>

This booklet was published in June 2006 and summarizes the activities of an FAO-Dimitra/CTA Workshop which took place June 2005 in Brussels. Rural women, dynamisation of networks and the fight against HIV/AIDS in rural areas were the topics at the heart of this workshop. A total of 22 representatives of organisations from the CTA and Dimitra networks made their way to Brussels from Africa, the Near East, the Caribbean and the Pacific regions



for a week of sharing knowledge and experiences. Everyone who took part agreed that they were strengthened and energised thanks to the linkages that had been made, the information shared and the great dynamism of the proceedings.

- **Dimitra Project: A Selection of Dimitra Partners' Best Practices in Information and Communication**

English: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/ap535e/ap535e.pdf>

This booklet was published in May 2003 and summarizes the outcome of the Dimitra Project Relaunch Workshop held in October 2002 in Brussels.

- **Dimitra Workshops**

English: <http://www.fao.org/dimitra/dimitra-workshops/en/>

French: <http://www.fao.org/dimitra/ateliers-dimitra/fr/>

In the past years, Dimitra and its partners have organised a number of workshops on a range of themes related to gender, rural women and development in Africa – food security, access to land, women’s participation in decision-making, information and communication strategies, the importance of collaborating with rural radio stations, etc. In this section you will find summaries of these workshops as well as some of the workshop reports, presentations and publications.

Videos

- **2014 Dimitra in Niger, Securing access to land** (Women producer group of Banizoumbou)
French: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYS_wDvB4_4

Allahoury Amadou, Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture in Niger, expresses government’s satisfaction over the results of the Dimitra programme in the country, in particular in relation to poverty eradication, food security, community participation and women’s empowerment. Thanks to the results achieved, the government has expressed interest in up-scaling the initiative in other regions of the country. The video also shows how the Dimitra community listeners’ clubs are empowering women, men and youth in rural areas by illustrating the example of the village of Banizoumbou, where women members of the clubs have acquired access and control over land and have organized into a producer group to plant vegetables for consumption and for sale on the market. “Today our joy is immense, we are on the road towards empowerment” says Mme Nouhou Zouera, President of the Women producer group of Banizoumbou.

Acknowledgments: The video was made by Radio Télévision LABARI (RTL); Journalist: Michel DEDJI; Cameraman: Sadou DOUMI.

- **2014 Niger, Dimitra synergies FFS and Dimitra CLCs,**
French: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPaHzeOP41k>

Eliane Najros, Dimitra Project Manager and Ali Abdoulaye, Coordinator of the NGO VIE Kande ni Bayra, explain the importance of creating synergies based on the real participation of rural communities between Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and Dimitra community listeners’ clubs (CLC). The FAO Dimitra community listeners’ clubs are groups of women, men and young people- mixed or not- who decide to organize themselves so as to work together to bring about changes in their communities. Members of the clubs meet regularly to discuss the



challenges they face in their daily lives, make decisions and take action to resolve their problems. The CLC strengthen FFS by ensuring that the issues dealt within the FFS reach the entire community- both women and men- and also surrounding communities through discussions and radio broadcasts. The clubs also strengthen the gender dimension of the FFS and help them to network and share information.

Acknowledgments: The video was made by Radio Télévision LABARI (RTL); Journalist: Michel DEDJI; Cameraman: Sadou DOUMI.

- **2013 Dimitra FAO Best Practice, Partnering for Results, FAO video**

FAO-Dimitra was selected among five FAO good practices in terms of impact to be showcased in this video. The video describes what FAO has introduced, what it has improved and, most of all, what it has left behind in working with its partners and contributing to food and nutrition security and sustainable resource management

- *English:* <http://www.fao.org/resources/videos/partnering/en/>
- *Spanish:* <http://www.fao.org/resources/videos/partnering/es/>
- *Arabic:* <http://www.fao.org/resources/videos/partnering/ar/>
- *Chinese:* <http://www.fao.org/resources/videos/partnering/zh/>
- *French:* <http://www.fao.org/resources/videos/partnering/fr/>
- *Russian:* <http://www.fao.org/resources/videos/partnering/ru/>

- **2013 Dimitra Community Listeners' Clubs for Food Security and Women's leadership - Gassedra - Niger (available in English and French)**

The approach of FAO Dimitra community listeners' clubs enables rural communities to strengthen their capacities, their self-confidence and take action on their environment. Thanks to the listeners' clubs, - women, men and youth - organize themselves, share their concerns, look for solutions together and take collective action. In this socio-economic empowerment process the community radios relay information, collaborate with the clubs. Wherever they are (over 1 000 clubs in Africa, Niger, DRC, Senegal, Mauritania, Burundi) , the clubs have stepping stones for change in the field of agricultural practices and in other areas, such as nutrition, health, gender, etc. This video shows the activities of the clubs in Gassedra

- *English:* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FF4ZmkrcE>
- *French:* Les clubs d'écoute Dimitra pour la sécurité alimentaire et le leadership féminin – Gassedra, Niger
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrr9yY1V8Jc>

- 2013 Dimitra launching in Ghana.

English: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v--SksEAvsc>

A project aimed at the socio-economic empowerment of rural communities, especially women, has been launched in the West Gonja District of the Northern Region. The project known as Dimitra, is an initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organisation and Ghana will be the first African English- speaking country to benefit from it

- **2012 FAO's Dimitra Project working with rural women in Katanga, Democratic Republic of the Congo, FAO 2012, (available in English and French).**

- *French:* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nh_Yf3-DwJk
- *English:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xAyz8v1FI0>



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This 7-minute film was produced in 2010 by Vicanos-Club for the FAO-Dimitra project, with financial support from the King Baudouin Foundation. It concerns the situation of rural women in Katanga (DRC) and the activities of FAO-Dimitra and its partner REFED-Katanga to give a voice to rural women and thus improve their situation and food security. Available in English and French, in high and low resolutions)