



Karamoja



CONFERENCE IN GRONINGEN (November 27th, 2008)

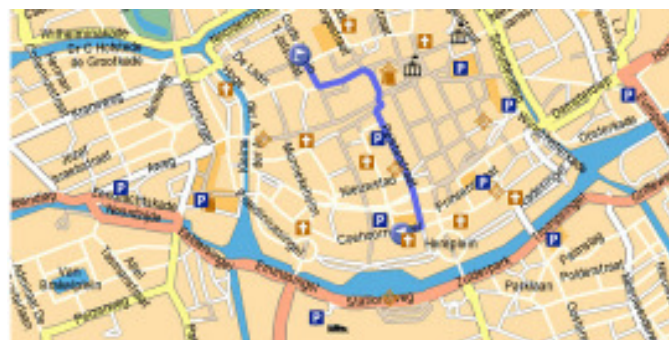
The future of traditional societies in Africa:
The situation of the Karamoja region of Uganda

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Venue: Remonstrante Church, Coehoorsingel 14, Groningen (Netherlands)
No entry fee – 9.30am to 5.30pm



Location of Groningen in the Netherlands



Itinerary from the Harmoniecomplex, University of Groningen (14 minutes on foot)

ABOUT THE KARAMOJA AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN ACROSS EUROPE

The conference took part in the Europe-wide Karamoja campaign that approaches, in an interdisciplinary way, issues of development and sustainability as well as questions of past, current and future relationships and cultural understandings between European and East African societies in the context of globalisation. The conference combined international perspectives on pastoralism with the closer focus on east Africa and especially Karamoja.

Karamoja, the specific case we are focusing on, is a crisis region in North-Eastern Uganda, bordering Kenya and Sudan with Ethiopia nearby.

The Karamoja campaign is supported by the European Commission, coordinated by the French NGO ACTED together with the Institute for Theory and Research on Cultures and the Arts (IKKK) at Leuphana University Lüneburg and the Czech NGO PIN and includes seminars and events at universities and schools in 5 European cities (Bordeaux, Geneva, Groningen, Lüneburg, Prague). Awareness raising events and meetings at the EU Commission and Parliament will take place in January 2009 in Brussels.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SESSION 1: Opening (*Kerkzaal*)

- 9.30 - 10.00: **Opening**
- 10.00 - 10.15: **Opening speech by NOHA representative, Joost Herman**
- 10.15 - 10.30: **Speech by Hon. Ambassador Mirjam Blaak**

SESSION 2: Presentations on Development and Cooperation in Karamoja (*Kerkzaal*)

- 10.30 - 11.00: **Achilles Ssewaya, Makerere University**
The dynamics of poverty in Karamoja
- 11.00 – 11.30 **United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Jessica Bowers**
Karamoja: Humanitarian Outlook and Challenges toward Sustainable Improvement
- 11.30 - 12.00: **Kagere Deborah, Makerere University**
Working on the access to HIV/AIDS preventive and treatment services in Karamoja
- 12.00 - 12.10: **Questions and discussions**
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- 12.10 – 13.10 **Lunch (offered to all) and Projection of “Land of Thorns: Struggling for Survival in Karamoja”**
Documentary about the situation in Karamoja
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SESSION 3: Regional views on development in the pastoral context (*Kerkzaal*)

- 13.10 – 13.40: **MRG International, Melakou Tegegn**
Conceptualizing development in the Pastoral Context
- 13.40 - 14.10: **Practical Action, Willie Tuimising**
Pastoralist' Development in Karamoja Cluster: Trans-boundary Perspectives
- 14.10 – 14.20: **Questions and Discussions**
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- 14.20 – 14.50 **Break and 'Songs from All Over' by Esther Engelhard (*Kerkzaal*)**
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SESSION 4: Presentations on Youth, Gender and Community empowerment in the pastoralist context

- 14.50 – 15.20: **Zebra-Crossing, Luisa Natiwi**
Mata-Mata: an educational project in Karamoja
- 14.50 – 15.20: **The Kids League, Trevor Dudley**
The use of Sports and Games to improve children's lives in Karamoja
- 14.50 – 15.20: **CORDS, Lillian Looloitai**
Pastoralism and gender: the case of pastoralist women empowerment in Arusha and Manyara regions in Tanzania, East Africa

SESSION 5: Advocacy and rights issues in the pastoralist context

- 15.20 – 15.50: **Kotido District Local Government, Paul Collins Okello**
Ending pastoralist livelihood conflict and the dilemma of forceful disarmament in Karamoja, North East Uganda: time to adopt right-based approaches to peace-building process and development
- 15.20 – 15.50: **Pastoralist Forum Ethiopia, Wendessen Gulelat Wolde**
The Role of NGOs in pastoral Advocacy: Experiences of Pastoralist Forum Ethiopia (PFE)

SESSION 6: Debate

- 15.50 – 16.35 **Debate on 'What future for pastoralist societies in East Africa?'**
Facilitated by Sacha Kagan, from Leuphana University Lüneburg

SESSION 7: Closing

- 16.35 – 16.45 **Closing speech by ACTED representative**
- 16.45 – 17.30 **Short guided visit of the town of Groningen**



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