Dear colleagues,

This fourth newsletter is addressed to the combined group (please see attached list) of (a) the October 2003 EPIAM workshop participants and (b) the original group of people interested in EPIAM. It is intended to be a quarterly newsletter of the New Rules for Global Finance Coalition’s EPIAM project.

Part I: International Workshop on Tools for EPIAM

The Workshop was held at IFPRI’s Headquarters in Washington, DC, on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 14-15, 2003. The workshop was co-organized by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), the European Network on Debt and Development (EURODAD), the New Rules for Global Finance Coalition, and Oxfam International.

For further information, especially:
- the workshop summary and conclusion;
- the list of participants;
- the papers/notes/presentations; etc.

please visit the EPIAM workshop website (provided by IFPRI) at:
http://www.ifpri.org/events/seminars/2003/20031014_epiam.htm

Part II: New Focus of the EPIAM Project

Based on the concluding session of the EPIAM workshop, the EPIAM project will refocus its agenda on issues related to Tools, Capacity, and Participation of EPIAM (instead of its current focus on Standards, Methodologies and Tools for EPIAM). The EPIAM work program contains therefore a combination of joint research, workshops, and conferences to overcome the current lack of tools, capacity, and participation, whereby we are interested to work together with a variety of developmental organizations and other civil society groups and networks. Specific outputs for 2004-2005 are:

- Publication of October 2003 Workshop (Spring/Summer 2004),
- EPIAM Research Competition (Spring 2004),
- Country Studies on Experiences with EPIAM (to begin in 2004),
- Conference on Participatory Macroeconomics (Summer 2004),
- Model Evaluations and a Modelers’ Workshop (Spring 2005), and
- Conference on EPIAM Standards (Fall 2005).
Part III: Information on Related Workshops and Networks:

1) PEP and MIMAP networks:
   As promised at the EPIAM workshop, here are the web site addresses of the PEP network: [www.pep-net.org](http://www.pep-net.org) and its parent MIMAP network: [www.mimap.org](http://www.mimap.org). These networks provide funding, training and scientific support to developing country researchers working on poverty issues. One group of PEP researchers (the MPIA group) works specifically on Tools for the Exante Poverty Impact Assessment of Macroeconomic Policies. Please publicize the PEP network to anyone who may be interested, in particular developing country researchers who may be interested in submitting a proposal. We also encourage you to visit the web site, which is full of training material, readings and projects. In particular, you may find the material under "research groups", "MPIA" and "recommended readings" or "training material" of particular interest. A paper on gender modeling will be posted shortly!

2. EcoMod Network ([www.ecomod.net](http://www.ecomod.net)) and its partners will organize three international conferences in 2004 and provide eight training courses:
   a) International Conference on Policy Modeling (EcoMod2004)
      June 30-July 2, 2004, Paris, France (co-organized with the CEPII)
   b) Input-Output and General Equilibrium: Data, Modeling and Policy Analysis
      September 2-4, 2004, Brussels, Belgium (co-organized with the International Input-Output Association)
   c) The State-of-the-Art in Regional Modeling
      October 2004, Seville, Spain (Co-organized with CentrA)
   d) Intensive and practical modeling courses in CGE, OLG, trade policy, environmental, macro-ecometric, and financial modeling using GAMS, EViews, TROLL, and GAUSS in San Diego, CA (January 5-10, 2004); Washington DC (April 5-10, 2004), and Brussels (July 12-24, 2004).


5. “New Directions in Impact Assessment for Development: Methods and Practice”
**Part IV: Other Newsletters/News**

1. **PRSP Monitoring and Synthesis Project**: The PRSP Monitoring and Synthesis Project has been commissioned by the Department of International Development to enhance DFID's ability to engage with the wider policy debate around PRSPs and will help all levels of DFID staff to remain well-informed about a wide variety of PRSP work. The PRSP Synthesis Team at the Overseas Development Institute collate information on the PRSP process from a variety of sources and provide updates, topic notes, and in-depth analysis on key issues around PRSPs. For their latest newsletter, please see: [http://www.prspsynthesis.org/](http://www.prspsynthesis.org/)

2. Finally, the following two items are from the World Bank’s PovertyNet Newsletter ([http://worldbank.org/poverty](http://worldbank.org/poverty)), #60 November 2003:

   (a) **November feature: Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP) Newsletter**
   The PRSP newsletter is a quarterly newsletter highlighting news, events, and developments in the PRSP process. PRSPs, prepared by governments through a participatory process, provide a country’s strategy for poverty reduction and the foundation for external assistance and debt relief. To view the November 2003 issue of the PRSP newsletter: [http://www.worldbank.org/poverty/strategies/newsletter/03nov.htm](http://www.worldbank.org/poverty/strategies/newsletter/03nov.htm)
   To subscribe please send a blank e-mail to: join-prsp@lists.worldbank.org.

   (b) **Announcing the IRIS Center Developing Poverty Assessment Tools e-mail listserv.** USAID has been asked by the United States Congress to develop and certify at least two tools for poverty assessment, which will be used by recipients of USAID microenterprise funding to assess the poverty level of their clients. The IRIS Center of the University of Maryland will implement this project and has set up an e-mail listserv to gather input and feedback and to announce meetings and updates on the project. To subscribe to the Poverty Assessment Tools listserv and actively participate in discussions about identifying, developing, and recommending poverty assessment tools, send an e-mail to listserv@listserv.umd.edu with “subscribe povertytools” in the body of the message. Summaries of listserv discussions will be posted on the project website at [http://www.povertytools.org](http://www.povertytools.org).

Best regards,

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