

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Mette Wik
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Citizenship: Norwegian
Marital status: Married, two children born 1993 and 1996

Summary:

Twenty years experience in international agricultural affairs, with specialization in the areas of development economics, food security in the developing countries, rural producer organisations, agricultural markets, gender and intrahousehold resource allocation, impacts of risk and uncertainty in rural communities and trade policies. Field experience in Malawi, Nepal, Zambia, Ethiopia and Nicaragua. Teaching experience at graduate level in the field of agricultural and development economics.

Education:

1998 Dr.Scient. Agricultural University of Norway. Agricultural and development economics.

1992 M.Sc. University of California - Davis, Agricultural Economics. Fullbright fellow. Emphasis on development economics (GPA: 3.97)

1987 Cand. Agric. Agricultural University of Norway, Agricultural Economics. Emphasis on political science.

Languages:

Fluent English, some Spanish, Italian and German and mother tongue Norwegian.

Employment experience:

Short term employment:

September 2007 – June 2008.

Consultant for The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Prepared papers for the Global Development Program (Agricultural Development) on: Scenarios for food production and strategies for agricultural development; Public investments in agriculture in developing countries; and, Lessons from the Green Revolution.

April - June 2007.

Consultant for FAO. Hired to finalize a background paper to the World Development Report 2008. Main results from this research was also used in the SOFA 2007 report, part II.

September – December 2006:

Consultant for the World Bank, Prepared a backgroundpaper to the World Development Report 2008 together with Prabhu Pingali and Sumiter Broca on Global Agricultural Performance over the last 45 years.

April – June 2006:

Consultant for FAO, Did research for and edited the State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) report, Part I on “Food Aid for Food Security?” together with Terri Raney.

Long term employment:

September 2002 – present:

Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Norwegian University of Life Sciences. (Previously named: Agricultural University of Norway). Coordinator of the Department’s M.Sc. programme in “Development and Resource Economics”. Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in rural development economics. On a three year leave (September 2005 – September 2008) from this position while living in Rome.

1998 - 2002:

Researcher, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Agricultural University of Norway. Coordinator of the Department’s M.Sc. programme in “Development and Resource Economics”. Teaching graduate course in rural development economics.

1994-98:

Ph.D. student, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Agricultural University of Norway. Field work was carried out in Zambia to assess rural smallholders attitudes to and perception of risk and uncertainty. In addition to formal interviews to study variation in production and perception of risk and uncertainty, experimental studies of risk aversion was conducted using "gambling" with real pay-offs. The data was used in my Dr.Scient. dissertation, to analyze the importance of risk relative to other constraints for farm household behaviour. Risk aversion was found to be of less importance than market imperfections.

1990-93:

Project worker, Norwegian Center for International Agricultural Development (NORAGRIC), Agricultural University of Norway.
During this period I stayed altogether 6 months in Ethiopia. I planned and initiated a study on household food security among smallholders in a former pastoralist area in Southern Ethiopia. A survey was designed to examine the connection between health, nutrition and food production. Anthropometric indicators on children under 5 was collected monthly, simultaneously with structured questionnaires on; illnesses in both children and adults; consumption; market integration; prices; and time-use. In addition production should have been measured directly in the farmers fields before harvesting. The survey was pretested, and data was collected for a few months in 1991. Unfortunately the whole study had to be canceled due to a difficult military and political situation.

1988-89:

Executive Officer, Royal Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture, Division for trade policies and import regulations.
- Represented Norway (as head of delegation) in negotiations on world market minimum prices for dairy products in the International Dairy Council under GATT.

- Member of delegation to negotiate trade agreement on dairy products with the European Common Market. Responsible for providing back-ground material on Norwegian dairy market for the negotiations.
- Conducted a study on the Norwegian potato market for a committee responsible for redesigning the Norwegian potato production and marketing system. Served also as a secretary for the committee.
- Provided numerous briefing papers to the Minister on different matters regarding trade policies and import regulation.

Teaching:

- 2008 - present: Teaching Introduction to microeconomics (ECN 110) – in Norwegian
- 2004- present: Teaching introduction to development economics (ECN 150) – in Norwegian;
- 2003- 2005: Responsible teacher for graduate course in research methods in development economics (ECN 351) – in English;
- 1998 - present: Teaching graduate course in development economics micro (ECN 353) – in English.

Supervision:

- 2010: Main supervisor for four Master theses. Three theses were using data from Malawi. One on the effect of fertilizer subsidy on crop diversification and two on different issues related to off-farm income. The fourth thesis is investigating women's decision power in rural households in Mozambique.
- 2009: Main supervisor for four Master theses from Uganda. One on forest resources, income diversification and economic shocks, one on gender differentials in forest extraction, one on poverty dynamics and the last one on income risk.
- 2008 – present: Main supervisor for PhD-student Shuling Chen Lillemo.
- 2005: Main supervisor for four Master theses from Malawi. One on economic determinants of polygamy, one on intrahousehold allocation of control over decisions in agricultural production and income, one on determinants of crop-choices and the last one on income-diversity and effects on children's nutrition.
- 2004 : Main supervisor during fieldwork in Malawi for 7 MSc students.
- 2004: Main supervisor for three MSc theses. One on the impact of rural producer organisation in Malawi, one on strategies for food security in Namibia, and one on the impact of road development in Tigray, Ethiopia.
- 2003: Main supervisor for one MSc thesis on maize price instability in Malawi
- 2002: Main supervisor for four M.Sc. theses: One on Land distribution and land productivity in rural Nepal, another on Women's groups in rural Nepal, one thesis on Land issues related to contract farming in Uganda, and the last one on Contract farming and its impact on welfare in Uganda.
- 2001: Main supervisor for three M.Sc. thesis: One about migration in Nepal, two students' thesis on Microfinance in India and one thesis on microfinance in Bolivia.
- 2000: Main supervisor during fieldwork in Nepal for five M.Sc students
- 1999: Main supervisor for four Cand.Agric. students' thesis on resource management of Mangrove resources in Tanzania.
- 1999: Main supervisor for one Cand.Agric. thesis on household food security in Ethiopia.
- 1998, 1997 and 1995: External examiner for written and oral exams in the course «Environment and Development» at the Center for development and environment (SUM), University of Oslo.

- 1994-95: Main supervisor for Cand.Agric thesis on Enset production and household food security in Ethiopia.

PhD committees:

- 2010: Evaluation committee for Jeetendra Prakash Aryal: Caste Discrimination, Land Tenure, and Natural Resource Management in Nepal. UMB - submitted in april, 2010
- 2010: Evaluation committee for Rodney Witman Lunduka: Land Rental Markets, Investment and Productivity under Customary Land Tenure Systems in Malawi. UMB – Defended in May.
- 2008: Evaluation committee for Gebrehaweria Gebregziabher Gebrezgi: Risk and irrigation investment in a semi-arid economy. UMB – Defended in December.
- 2006: Evaluation committee for Justine Namaalwa: The Growth, Use and Management of Woodland Resources in Uganda. UMB – Defended in May.

Publications:

Wik, M., P. Pingali & S. Broca (2007): Global Agricultural Performance: Past Trends and Future Prospects. Background paper for the World Development Report 2008.

Wik, M., T.A. Kebede, O. Bergland, & S.T. Holden (2004): On the Measurement of Risk Aversion from Experimental Data. *Applied Economics*. 36 (21): 2443-2452

Øygard, R., *et al* including M. Wik. (2003): *The Maze of Maize: Improving Input and Output Market Access for Poor Smallholders in Southern African Region, the Experience of Zambia and Malawi*. IØR-rapport nr. 26.

Øygard, R. & M. Wik (2003): Matmangel skyldes ikke fri økonomi. (Food shortages are not caused by liberalisation of markets) *Aftenposten*, September 8.

Bie, S., M. *et al* including M. Wik. (2003). *Agricultural Development. A Pathway out of Poverty.*: A report submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Oslo, February 3rd.

Wik, Mette (1999): “Coping with Risk in Agriculture. Income and Consumption-Smoothing Strategies in LDCs”. *Forum for Development Studies*. No. 2.

Wik, Mette (1998): *Peasants and Risk: - A study of Risk, Market Imperfections and Farm Household Behaviour in Northern Zambia*. Dr.Scient. dissertation. Department of Economics and Social Sciences. Agricultural University of Norway.

Wik, M., S.T. Holden & E. Taylor (1998): “Risk, Market Imperfections and Peasant Adaption: Evidence from Northern Zambia.” *Discussion Paper #28/1998*, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Agricultural University of Norway.

Holden, S. T., B. Shiferaw & M. Wik (1998): “Poverty, Credit Constraints, and Time Preferences: Relevance for Environmental Policy.” *Environment and Development Economics* 3(1): 105-130

Holden, S.T., B. Shiferaw & M. Wik (1998): “Poverty and Myopia. A study of Time Preferences Among Rural Poor.” in Angelsen A. and M. Vainio (eds.) *Poverty and the Environment* . Crop. Bergen.

Wik, Mette & S.T.Holden (1998): "Experimental Studies of Peasant's Attitudes toward Risk in Northern Zambia." *Discussion Paper #14/1998*, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Agricultural University of Norway.

Wik, M. (1996): "Individual Decision Making under Risk. Expected Utility Theory and Beyond." *Discussion Paper #23/1996*, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Agricultural University of Norway.

Wik, M. & S.T. Holden (1996): "Risk and Peasant Adaptation. Do peasants behave according to the Sandmo model?" *Discussion Paper #24/1996*, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Agricultural University of Norway.

Wik, M., S.T. Holden & P. Vedeld (1996): "Norsk bistand - til land eller by?" (Norwegian development aid – to rural or urban areas?) *Dagbladet*, June 17.

Wik, M. (1987): *New Technology and the Agroecosystem. Impact of New Technology in Corn and Bean Production on the Agroecosystem in San Dionisio - Nicaragua*. Cand. Agric. Thesis. Department of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural University of Norway.

Forthcoming papers:

Legesse, B., G. Shively, A. Angelsen & M. Wik: Economic Shocks and Behavioral Response in Rural Uganda. Submitted to *Land Economics* in May (approved for revise and review).

Bachke, M., F. Alfnes & M. Wik: Consumer attitudes and willingness to give to charity projects: Application of a conjoint analysis dictator game. To be submitted in October 2010.

Bachke, M., F. Alfnes & M. Wik: Giving to charity projects: The effect of identification and matching money. To be submitted in the spring of 2011.

Elected and appointed positions:

- 2010-present: Member of the Department Board for Department of Economics and Resource Management (IØR) at UMB
- 2010-present: Vice-chair of IØR's study board.
- 2009-2010: Member of the Academic Search Committee at IØR
- 2009-present: Board member of Forskerforbundet at UMB (The union for academic staff)
- 1999-present: Member of IØR's study board.
- 2003-2005: Member of Noragric's study board.
- 2002-2003: Member of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Agricultural Development Task Force.
- 2000-2003: Member of the editorial board of Landbruksøkonomisk Forum, a Norwegian journal of agricultural economics.
- 1999-2000: Member of the planning committee of a new research program (Rammebetingelser, styringsmuligheter og virkemidler for en bærekraftig utvikling) in the Norwegian Research Council.
- 1995-1999: Member of the environmental planning board in Ås Kommune (local authorities).
- 1988-1994: Board member of the norwegian NGO the Development Fund.

