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Announcement

New Member of Inspection Panel

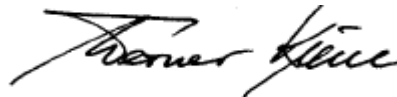
The Inspection Panel is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Alf Jerve to the Inspection Panel as a Member of the Panel. Mr. Jerve replaces Mr. Tongroj Onchan, whose term expired on August 31, 2008.

Mr. Jerve, a national of Norway, brings to the Panel close to three decades of work in the field of development. As a Social Anthropologist by training, he has been engaged in a wide range of development activities including extensive field research in Africa and Asia. Among his assignments was a three year posting to Tanzania with the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation as coordinator of a rural development program. From 1993-95 he was responsible for resettlement and rehabilitation issues with projects in Bangladesh during an assignment with the World Bank. In 1995 he became Assistant Director, and served as Director in 2005 and 2006, at the Christian Michelsen Institute in Norway, an internationally recognized development research institution where he has also devoted his energies and expertise to do research and analysis of a wide variety of policy and program issues affecting people in developing countries.

Over the years, Mr. Jerve also has led and participated in numerous independent evaluations commissioned by bilateral and multilateral development agencies, and served as a Member of the Roster of Experts for the Asian Development Bank's Inspection Function. He earned his Magister Degree in Social Anthropology from the University of Bergen and his Bachelor's degree is in the areas of Environmental Science and Biology. His publications have focused on rural development, decentralization and poverty reduction and most recently on issues of ownership in development aid cooperation.

Mr. Jerve was selected to this position through a competitive process. He has particular expertise on issues of social impact analysis and safeguard policies and brings outstanding analytical skills, broad development experience, and indisputable integrity to his new position. Mr. Jerve's appointment is effective November 1, 2008.

The Inspection Panel is pleased to announce and welcome the arrival of its newest member.



Werner Kiene
Chairperson