

Reviewers Guide

PART A: Editorial Office Only

SECTION I

have submitted the paper "Russia's Food Security and Climate Change: Looking into the Future".

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| Reviewer's Name: | Dr. Gbadebo Odularu |
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| Discussion Paper Number: | 2013-16 |
| Title: | 'Russia's Food Security and Climate Change: Looking into the Future' |
| Authors: | Sergey Kiselev, Roman Romashkin, Gerald C. Nelson, Daniel Mason-D'Croz, and Amanda Palazzo |

PART B: Reviewer Only

SECTION II: Comments per Section of Manuscript

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| General comment: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Russia appears to be one the major contributors to global warming in its attempt to attain food security(meet the UN MDG1) as well as to promote environmental sustainability (UN MDG7). This article is very relevant in response to the daunting development challenges that confronts Russia as one of the BRICS member countries.2. This article has succeeded to analyse a few but not all of the dimensions of climate change - food affordability, reduced calorie availability, nutrition, market access, et cetera.3. The detailed definition and proper understanding of these components of food security have dynamic and geopolitical implications across the two major regions in Russia. – North and South, given their different agro-ecological sub-systems.4. Further, given the seemingly declining fiscal space in the face of rising global economic crises, climate change adaptation and mitigation policy reforms need to be strategically integrated into the national economic development framework. |
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| Introduction: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This section is good. |
| Literature Review | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The authors consulted a number of current and relevant literatures in the process of developing the article. |
| Methodology: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The methodology adopted by the authors is okay. It forms the basis for the policy recommendations that I struggled to delineate from the article. |
| Results: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The results seem okay. |
| Discussion: Conclusions and Policy Implications | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The section on policy implication has to be well gleaned out. In other words, the conclusion does not seem to have incorporated a set of workable policy recommendations. Lumping policy prescriptions together with the conclusion may not bring out very clearly the policy implications of the issue at hand. Thus, the authors need to expand the policy prescription sub-section of the article. 2. Policy advice should also be target at specific stakeholder groups – government, farmers as lobby groups, non-state actors, etc. 3. Do the outcomes of the study generate any implication for the Russian National biofuel policy? This should also come out clearly especially when one wears the cap of agricultural policy outlook issues in Russia. |

SECTION II (Cont.)

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| Bibliography/References: | Good. |
| Others: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a need for the authors to include more information on how the Russia is responding to regional (European) and global policy initiatives which relate to food security and climate change. 2. A couple of figures needs to reflect the sources of data, e.g, pages 29 and 39 (Table 13). |
| Decision: | Please see section IV (recommendation) below. |

SECTION III - Please rate the following: (1 = Excellent) (2 = Good) (3 = Fair) (4 = poor)

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| Originality: | 3 |
| Contribution To The Field: | 3 |
| Technical Quality: | 2 |
| Clarity Of Presentation : | 3 |
| Depth Of Research: | 3 |

SECTION IV - Recommendation: (Kindly Mark With An X)

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| Accept As Is: | |
| Requires Minor Corrections: | |
| Requires Moderate Revision: | X |
| Requires Major Revision: | |
| Submit To Another Publication Such As: | |
| Reject On Grounds Of (Please Be Specific): | |