

D-Lab

Outline Due: November 16, 2009

Paper Due: December 2, 2009

The sector paper will be due on December 2, 2009, with a brief outline due on November 16, 2009. Here's the description of the assignment:

Write a five-page paper (double-spaced, not including figures, tables or pictures) describing the current state of affairs in your country in one of the sectors that we have studied in class:

- Agriculture
- Education
- Energy
- Environment
- Health
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Micro-finance & Micro-enterprise
- Water and Sanitation

Confer with your team-mates and team leaders so that you don't all choose the same topic. You should turn in a brief outline on November 16 to your trip leader so that they can give some feedback before the paper is due on December 2, 2009

In the paper, you should be sure to assess the current situation and discuss projects that are happening in that sector. You may choose to focus on a sub-sector (for example: grain production and processing rather than all of agriculture, AIDS rather than all health issues, or wind energy rather than all of energy). You should also look at technologies that are being used in other parts of the world that could be applied in your country. Your paper should provide a concise summary of the sector (or sub-sector) you choose and provide useful background information for field projects in that sector.

Note: You may choose to write about a sector related to the projects you will be submitting proposals for, however your sector paper should be far broader in scope and take a deeper look at current and possible technology application within that sector.

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