AGRY 59800
African Development Activities
Getting Started
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We will use a class web site to communicate across continents and universities. The web site is powered by Purdue's HUBzero technology (http://hubzero.org/) and has the advantage that it runs on a server physically located on the Purdue University campus, and is maintained by people we can talk to face-to-face if necessary. It should also be more secure than a commercial web site, while still allowing access to users from outside of Purdue's campus. For the time being, we will be on a hub called driNET (https://drinet.hubzero.org).

What you need to do now

Establish an account and join the AGRY 59800 Group

Step 1. You will need to go to https://drinet.hubzero.org and establish an account by clicking on the "Register" button in the upper right corner of the page. Enter a login name and password of your choosing. Use your real name for your contact information, and enter your personal information. The site requires that you enter certain demographic information. HUBzero is supported by federal grants here in the U.S. and the granting agency requires that this information be collected. It's not something to be overly concerned about, but I'm sure the HUB people will appreciate it if you enter the information accurately.

Step 2. Once you have registered, send your **login name** to dschulze@purdue.edu to let me know you have registered. I will then invite you to join the *AGRY 59800 - African Development Activities* group.

Step 3. You will receive an email message that will inform you that you have been invited into the *AGRY 59800 - African Development Activities* group. You will not be a member until you "accept" the invitation. To accept the invitation, go to the group page (https://drinet.hubzero.org/groups/agry598) and click the button marked "Accept Invitation" on the right side of the screen (circled in red on Fig. 1). Once you have done so, you'll be a member of the class group and can
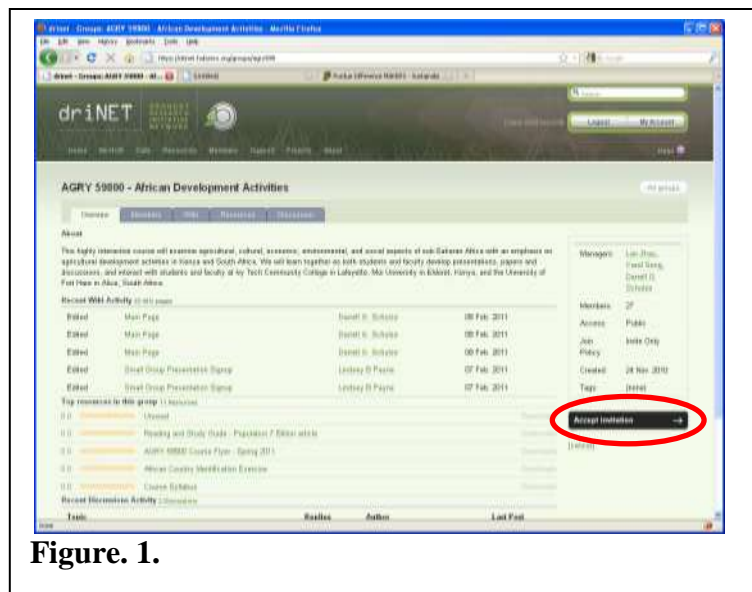

Figure. 1.

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access the class resources as described below.

Edit your profile

Assuming you are logged on to driNET, click the "My Account" button in the upper right corner of the page. This is where you can change your privacy settings. Set your email address to "Registered Users" so that the rest of us can find your email address if we need it. Set your Biography to "Registered Users" as well, or to "Public" if you want to.

Click on "Edit this Profile" in the upper right corner of the page. This will allow you to update or add to your personal information. Please upload a profile picture so that we can see what you look like (particularly since we will not necessarily see each other in person), and enter a brief biography.

Your profile information will be available to all registered users or to the public, depending on the settings you chose, so make sure you are comfortable with the information that you post here. I suggest that you post only a general bio here. (You will be asked to post a more detailed biography more specific to the course within the African Development Activities course group. This more detailed bio will be accessible to only the members of the class.)

NOTE that you must click the "Save" button at the bottom of the page in order for your changes to be saved. If you navigate away from this page in any other way, you will lose your work. Also, be aware that the system will automatically log you out after about 15 minutes of inactivity unless you check the "Remember me" box when you login.

 Customize MyHUB

The MyHUB tab is designed to allow you to quickly get to where you are going on the web site. Click on the MyHUB tab to get to a page that displays a series of boxes with titles such as *Resources, My Submissions, My Tools,* etc. None of these are particularly useful for the way that we will be using driNET. Click on the "Personalize" button in the upper right corner of the page, which will allow you to customize the MyHUB (My drinet) page. Click the X in the upper left corner of each box to close it, then click the "add>>" button next to "My Groups" to add the "My Groups" box. Click the "Finish Personalizing (save)" button in the upper right corner of the page to save your changes. There will be no groups listed in your "My Groups" box until you are accepted into a group.

There will be times when you will want to navigate back to the group page for the course. Although you can usually use the back arrow on your browser, a quicker way is to click on the MyHUB tab and then click on the group that you want to go to.

Navigating the AGRY 59800 – African Development Activities *group page.*

Once you have been accepted into the *AGRY 59800 – African Development Activities* group, you will be able to access the course content. Most of the activity will be on the Wiki and Forum pages. The Wiki pages are beginning to take shape. Please explore them so that you can see what is there. As the class progresses, we'll develop more pages as needed. For now, take a look at the

"Wiki Help" page for important information on navigating links, then explore some of the other pages. You can always get back to the Main Page by clicking the Wiki tab.

There is nothing on the Forum page right now, but my guess is that we'll have some interesting discussions there as the class develops.

For questions or problems, email dschulze@purdue.edu