Sustainable Livelihoods Approach in Africa:
How local institutions and livelihood strategies
matter in the context of 12 development projects

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Abstract
The purpose of this paper is to explore the Sustainable Livelihoods (SL) framework and methodology in the context of 12 case studies from Africa with particular emphasis on local institutions and livelihood strategies. We begin with an overview of the SL framework and then focus on the different uses of Sustainable Livelihood Analysis (SLA) for development purposes. We will also seek to define how SL practitioners use and transform local institutions to promote sustainable livelihood development and equity at the local level. Finally, we will discuss the lessons learned from the case studies as well as the pros and cons of using the Sustainable Livelihoods framework.