

## | Quaternary institutions and the constitution of commodity chains

"This paper addresses the question of promoting institutional forms for the definition and application of co-ordination rules in agrifood commodity chains in developing countries to avoid disparities and externalities produced by state administration or market failures. These forms are called constitutive institutions for governance or quaternary institutions. A review of the theoretical background in institutional economics is conducted in order to clarify what the role, the forms and the functions of these institutions could be. Special attention is paid to how they can emerge and to how different institutional actors such as the State, private organisations and external bodies could contribute to their emergence. "