



Investing in rural people

Side event at UNCCD COP14

Sustainable transition of shifting cultivation systems for land degradation neutrality

Opportunities and challenges in the uplands of South and Southeast Asia

4 September 2019
13.00-15.00 in MET-7





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Several million people, notably indigenous communities, depend fully or partly on shifting cultivation for their livelihood and food security across Southeast Asia and South Asia. Shifting cultivation has been viewed as a traditional agricultural practice with little economic viability and a major cause of deforestation and environmental degradation. Co-organized by IFAD, ICIMOD, ILC and WOCAT, the **side event** will share policies, strategies and innovations showing that sustainable management of shifting cultivation systems can enhance the income and resilience of communities while contributing to land degradation neutrality and climate mitigation. In addition, the side event will contribute to ongoing efforts to develop publications, guidelines and a regional programme to support sustainable and inclusive transitions of shifting cultivation systems.

13.00-13.15

INTRODUCTION

DHRUPAD CHOUDHURY, Chief, Scaling Operations, ICIMOD

13.15-14.00

HIGH-LEVEL PANEL PRESENTING COUNTRY EXPERIENCES AND PERSPECTIVES

BOUAHOM BOUNTHONG, former DG, National Agricultural and Forestry Research Institute, Laos

ASHOK JAIN, NITI Aayog, India

14.00-14.45

MODERATED ROUNDTABLE: CROSS-CUTTING THEMES AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Land tenure systems and land degradation neutrality

AMALENDU JYOTISHI, Foundation for Ecological Security, representing ILC

Opportunities from carbon co-benefits

ELEANOR MILNE, Colorado State University

Perspectives from producers' organization (TBC)

14.45-15.00

CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

MARIE AUDE EVEN, Senior Regional Technical Specialist (Agronomy), IFAD

*Refreshment and snacks will be available at the entrance of the side event.
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