



Degradation and Sustainable Management of Land

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Although a great deal has been achieved in Sustainable land management (SLM) globally, much more will have to be done at the technical, social, institutional, political and economic levels to ensure SLM for all renewable natural resources on all land use types around the world.

- What have we achieved in SLM compared to the ever-growing challenges of soil, water and biological degradation of land systems?
- Do we sufficiently understand the socio-economics of land degradation to convince governments so that they provide the necessary schemes and incentives for land users to manage their land wisely?
- Have institutional settings been adequately accustomed to invite land users to recognize and maintain essential ecosystem functions on their land?
- Are political systems in the different development contexts conducive to sustainable land management and tuned to put an end to land degradation?

What we need here is a synopsis of current research in degradation and sustainable land management, including an analysis of major research gaps which remain as open fields for future research.





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