

## Special Issue

# Towards Land System Sustainability: Navigating Global Challenges and Local Realities

### Message from the Guest Editors

Global environmental crises and socio-economic shifts demand adaptive land management bridging global pressures and local contexts. This issue invites interdisciplinary work on land system dynamics for resilience and sustainability.

### Objective

Assess how governance, economy, climate, and population affect land systems; identify synergies/trade-offs; advance pathways aligning with global goals while respecting regional challenges.

### Topics

Global–local governance: balancing global standards with local contexts.

Climate adaptation: practices enhancing resilience to disruptions.

Socio-economic drivers: demographic and economic influences on land decisions.

Ecosystem services & productivity: reconciling food, biodiversity, and ecosystem health.

Urban–rural dynamics: expansion, regeneration, and rural transitions.

Teleconnected systems: distant drivers (land scarcity, urban demand) shaping local patterns.

Innovative policies & tools: enabling sustainable transitions.

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