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Prospects and Challenges of Sustainable Rural Development: Technological and Institutional Innovations

Message from the Guest Editors

Rural development impacts both the primary sector as well as society as a whole. Viable farms ensure that the food security goals of countries and international markets are met. There have also been concerns in regard to the environmental and social effects of agricultural systems and rural areas in general. Therefore, it is necessary to identify the most effective policy options and long-term strategies to address the objectives of sustainability within the rural development context. Thus, it is important to look not only at the measures of agricultural support but also ensure that they are properly posited among multiple other strategies and their objectives, which has methodological implications. Quantitative techniques taking into account multiple objectives and policy options and/or technological development paths are needed. As for the qualitative approaches, those relying on stakeholder involvement and the holistic view are most topical.

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