

## Organization

The conference is organized by the Uplands program at Hohenheim University, located in the south of Stuttgart. Established in 1818, it is one of the Europe's leading universities in agricultural science. The university campus is centered around a late-Baroque palace built by Duke Carl Eugene towards the end of the 18th century and is surrounded by extensive gardens.



The Uplands Program is a long-term interdisciplinary research program by research institutions in Germany, Thailand, and Vietnam. The program conducts research on sustainable land use and rural development in Southeast Asia. The institutions include Hohenheim University in Germany, Chiang Mai University, Kasetsart University, Mae Jo University, and Silpakorn University in Thailand, and Hanoi University of Agriculture, Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry, and the National Institute of Animal Husbandry in Vietnam.

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## Conference Registration

Participants must register online until **15 February 2012**. Authors of accepted contributions who do not register until that date will not appear in the program. The registration fee for participants paying before 1 January 2012 is 180 EUR, after that the fee is 210 EUR. All payments must be received before 15 February 2012.

Accommodation in Stuttgart must be arranged by the participants themselves and is not included in the registration fee. A list of suggested accommodations, contacts, and prices is available from the conference website. As accommodation in the vicinity of Hohenheim University is limited, participants are recommended to make bookings well in advance.

## Sponsors

The organizers welcome individuals, companies and organizations interested in supporting the organization of this conference. For further information please contact the organizers as indicated below.

## Questions?

Information about the conference program, key note speeches, suggested accommodations and conference excursions will be made available online at <https://uplands2012.uni-hohenheim.de>. For any further questions, please contact:

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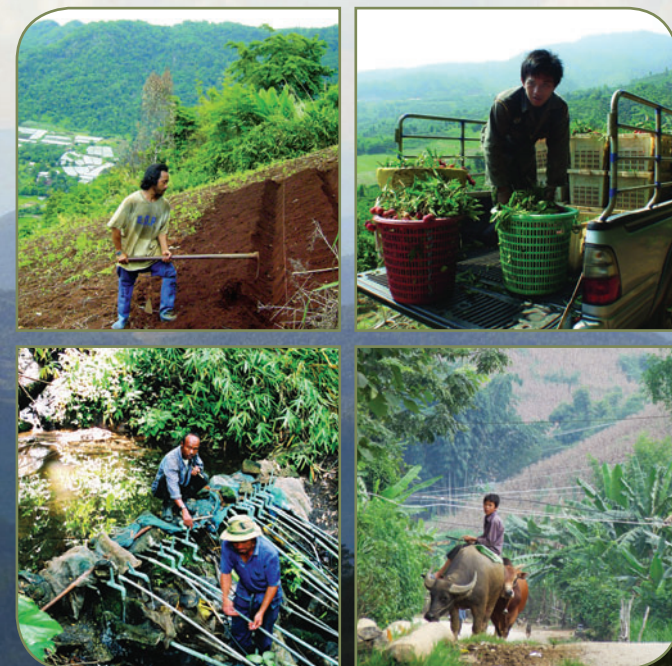
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## International Scientific Conference on

# Sustainable Land Use and Rural Development in Mountain Areas

Hohenheim University, Stuttgart, Germany,  
16-18 April 2012



<https://uplands2012.uni-hohenheim.de>

## Why this Conference?

Mountain areas are typically diverse in climates, resources, and people. Mountain areas also provide important ecological functions such as supplying water and conserving biodiversity, economic functions such as supplying food and attracting tourists, and social functions in being the home of people, often belonging to ethnic minorities with distinct culture and traditions. The particular challenge for mountain areas is to find a sustainable balance between these ecological, economic, and social functions while taking into account the diversity in opportunities and constraints.

The aim of this conference is to share knowledge, lessons and experiences from across the globe as related to sustainable mountain development. Each country has its unique challenges and opportunities in mountain development, but there are also similarities in problems as well as possible solutions, which we will try to identify through this conference.



## Focus

- The conference has a **global focus** but with particular emphasis on mountain development in low-income countries.
- The focus is on sharing **scientific knowledge** that cuts across scientific disciplines and combines insights from the social and natural sciences.
- Particular emphasis is put on studies that discuss how **policies and innovations** can contribute to sustainable mountain development.

## Target group

- Scientists of any discipline dealing with sustainable mountain development.
- Government officers, development practitioners and other non-academics interested to learn about the state-of-the art in research about sustainable mountain development and eager to share their experiences.
- Graduate and post-graduate students studying agriculture, economics, geography, or any other science related to development.

## Paper and Poster Contributions

Participants will have an opportunity to make a scientific contribution through a 15-minute oral or a 5-min poster presentation. Extended abstracts must be submitted by **1 November 2011** through <https://uplands2012.uni-hohenheim.de>

The extended abstracts must have a length of 400-600 words, may include tables and figures, and must include references to existing literature where appropriate. The abstracts should clearly describe the objectives, methods, results and conclusions of the study. Abstracts that describe only planned research will not be considered for presentation.

An international scientific program committee will review all contributions. Final decisions for paper acceptance for oral or poster presentation will be announced on or before **20 December**. Authors will be allowed to make revisions to their accepted abstracts until 1 February, after which the accepted abstracts will be included in the printed conference proceedings and posted online before the start of the conference. Authors can also choose to upload a full paper to the conference website before the start of the conference.

We particularly encourage the submission of interdisciplinary research along the following themes, which will be sessions of the conference.

- **Soil Care in Mountain Landscapes**  
Studies that quantify soil degradation, look into the causes, and discuss promising methods to better conserve soils including technical innovations and policies affecting the economic incentives to care for soils.
- **Supplying, Using, Sharing, and Cycling of Matter and Water**  
Studies of biogeochemical water and matter cycles and flows in mountain areas, hydrological studies on the relationship between land use and water supplies, on improved irrigation methods, people's access to water, water management, institutions and policies.



- **Linking Highland Farmers to Modern Food Chains**  
Studies that report on innovations in food chain management, including marketing and processing, contract farming, effects of agricultural commercialization, agrochemical use, food safety and environmental quality, value-adding technologies and policy strategies.
- **Land Use and Land Cover Change**  
Empirical studies of land use change in mountain areas, highland-lowland interdependencies, quantitative modeling approaches, agrobiodiversity, and studies that explain the expansion of some commercial crops or the disappearance of some traditional crops.
- **Sustainable and Competitive Livestock Systems**  
Studies that evaluate the pros and cons of livestock intensification; studies on all forms of smallholder livestock including aquaculture; and studies that discuss market constraints and opportunities of livestock development in mountain areas.
- **People Participation in Natural Resource Management**  
Studies that discuss the relationship between people and natural resources in mountain areas, including issues of access, equity, institutions and policies; studies on the conservation and use of biodiversity; studies on communal and indigenous rights over resources, and studies discussing payments for environmental services.