

Call for Papers

National Seminar on
Land Use Planning for Agricultural Development
and Establishment of Agro-Economic Zones:
Strategies for India with special reference to Uttar Pradesh

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Introduction

Sustainable land and natural resource management is fundamental to ensuring adequate food and fibre production. The land use intensification and the expansion of agricultural land at the expense of natural or semi-natural vegetation constitute key variables in the cycle of un-sustainability linking degradation of natural resources to demographic pressure. Despite the impressive gains in agricultural production and productivity via crop intensification, the most of the regions are facing problems related to the land degradation due to intensively cropped lands, the overuse of ground water, excessive nutrient loads in surface and ground water, and increased pesticide use. Low levels of land productivity and subsequent land and resource degradation can often be traced to inadequate access to the best or most appropriate knowledge required to overcome local constraints. Providing better information to both technology developers and farmers can stimulate the adoption of both soil conservation technologies and improved land management practices. A sustainable and increasingly productive agricultural base is essential for food security. One aspect of land reform that has not been extensively addressed is its relationship to household decision making regarding patterns of land use and agricultural practices.

Considering the multiple demands of land and water resources, the time has now come to take a hard look in an integrated perspective for resource use planning right from the lowest possible levels to fulfil the aspiration of all the stakeholders. At the local level, the stakeholders' knowledge of sustainable land management practices relies on time-tested traditional techniques and knowledge that have been transferred through generations. In some cases, what might have been a sustainable land use practice in the past may not be viable anymore in the new context. New technologies and information on how to adapt traditional technologies to the new challenges are key priorities. The classification and mapping of agricultural land according to the capacity and utility become important goals for better management. It provides a suitable context for resource management, conflict resolution and decision making at the local and regional levels, consistent with national policies and priorities. However, the existing database on land use is highly inadequate. Therefore, strengthening of the database, using traditional cadastral surveys, modern remote sensing techniques, GPS, GIS and computerization of land records would be necessary. There is need for a strong monitoring mechanism to document the on-going land use changes either driven by market or policy, or both.

Seminar Objectives

The major objective of the seminar is to deliberate upon issues related to proper management of land resources for sustainable agricultural development. Some of the specific objectives of the seminar are as given below:

- To review the policies to support the best possible use of the land and the sustainable management of land resources.
- To arrive at the mechanism to improve and strengthen planning, management and evaluation systems for land and land resources.
- To analyse the changes in land use pattern and its linkage with agricultural growth and diversification.
- To explore the possible ways to ensure the active involvement and participation of all the important stakeholder, particularly communities and people at the local level, in decisions on land use and management.
- To review the dynamics of land acquisition, sales and lease markets in changing social and economic structure.
- To explore the use of innovative technologies in planning and management of land resources.

Call for Research Papers and Articles

To achieve the above listed seminar objectives, research papers and articles are invited from researchers, academicians, policy makers, students and other stakeholders involved in land management and planning on following broad themes.

Land Resource Management: Policies, Trends, Issues and Opportunities

Land Use Planning and Agricultural Development

Land Classification, Computerisation of Land Records and Mapping

Dynamics of Land Market, Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation

Management of Common Lands

Technological Innovation in Land Management

Strategic Issues for Sustainable Land and Agricultural Management

Any other issue relevant to the main theme of the seminar

Important Deadlines

Last date of receipt of abstract: September 30, 2009

Notification of abstract acceptance: October 10, 2009

Deadline for Full Paper: November 10, 2009

Notification of paper acceptance: November 25, 2009

Seminar Dates: December 11-12, 2009

Venue: IIM, Lucknow

There is no registration fee for attending the seminar. One author of selected paper will be reimbursed to & fro 2nd AC train fair by the shortest route with free lodging and boarding at AC rooms in IIM Lucknow guesthouses. For any query related to the seminar and submission of your paper, please address them to the seminar coordinators:

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Travel Plan

Arrival: Mode Flight / Train No. Date & Time:

Departure: Mode Flight/ Train No. Date & Time:

Accommodation Single Double Duration (days)

Check-in Time/ date Check-out Time/ date

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