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**October 2016: Scaling up Agroecology to meet the Sustainable Development Goals**

**(copy deadline 1st June 2016)**

Agriculture is back in the spotlight of development efforts and is seen as central to the new Sustainable Development Goals. With the global population expected to grow to over 9 billion by 2050, coupled with the negative impacts of climate change on agricultural production, a serious strain is being placed on the sector. This is exacerbated by the concentration of extreme poverty among smallholder farmers in the least developed countries.

Agroecological farming systems are increasingly seen to have the potential to meet the triple challenge of productivity, sustainability and poverty eradication. How can innovations in knowledge services improve sustainable smallholder farming? What are the gender implications at a household level of increasing agroecological production? What technologies are needed for smallholder farmers to transition to agroecological production? Are market links with growing urban centres a viable way to include smallholders in new value chains? What incentives are required to support post-harvest businesses to scale up agroecology?

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