

International Symposium on GIAHS and Family Farming 2023

*New approaches of rural development for
the effective conservation of GIAHS sites*



Date: 27 – 29 November 2023

Venue: Tokyo, Japan and online (a recording will be available through the GIAHS website)

Summary of the Symposium

The International Symposium focuses on how innovative and sustainable rural development can support family farmers in Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) sites.

Rural development experts and representatives from GIAHS sites in Japan, and other countries, will share concrete insights and good examples of sustainable rural development. They will also share insights about their impacts on, as well as the challenges faced by, small-scale and family farmers.

Finally, key factors and conditions for success that can be replicated in other GIAHS sites will be identified.

Objectives

- i. To identify and analyze effective approaches and measures which can achieve the good conservation of GIAHS sites through holistic rural development, utilizing the unique features of GIAHS.
- ii. To explore how family farmers can contribute to rural development in GIAHS sites and what is required for family farmers to reap its benefits.
- iii. Where possible, to seek methods and approaches for rural development, which can be applied to all rural communities.

Presenters and Discussants

- Representatives from GIAHS sites
- Experts on GIAHS
- Experts on rural development
- FAO GIAHS Secretariat

More Information

Symposium webpage with registration link:

<https://www.fao.org/events/detail/international-symposium-on-giahs-and-family-farming-2023>

GIAHS website: <https://www.fao.org/giahs/en/>

Provisional Agenda and Timetable

DAY 1: 27 November 2023 (Monday)

10:00-10:30 Japan Standard Time(JST)	Opening Ceremony : Moderator Yoshihide Endo	
10:00 -10:15	Briefing on the Symposium	Mr Yoshihide ENDO GIAHS Coordinator, FAO
10:15-10:20	Opening Remarks	Mr Hiroyuki YAMAGUCHI Deputy Director-General, Export and International Affairs Bureau, Japanese MAFF
10:20 - 10:25	Opening Remarks	Ms Eriko HIBI Director of FAO Liaison Office of Japan
10:30 – 17:30	Session 1: Effective Approaches for Holistic Rural Development Moderator Yoshihide Endo	
10:30 - 11:00	Presentation on the new rural development policies of the Japanese Government	Ms Eriko NAGATA Director of Rural Policy Promotion Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan
11:00– 11:30 Recorded Video	OECD Discussion on Rural Development	Mr Jose Enrique GARCILAZO Head of the Regional and Rural Policy Unit, Centre for Entrepreneurship SME's, Regions and Cities, OECD
11:30-12:00 Recorded Video	FAO Project on Green Jobs for Rural Youth Employment	Ms Stefanie DeBUCK Decent Rural Employment Team, ESP, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
12:00-12:20	Break	
12:20-13:30 50 min. Presentation 20 min. Discussion	Presentation on effective approaches for holistic rural development	Professor Kazunobu TSUTSUI , Faculty of Regional Sciences, Tottori University, Japan
13:30 -14:30	Lunch	

14:30-16:00 60 min. Presentation 30 min. Discussion	Presentation on effective approaches for holistic rural development in the case of Italy	Professor Vitaliano FIORILLO SDA Lecturer. Department of Management and Technology, Bocconi University, Italy Dr Giorgia DE PASQUALE Faculty of Architecture of Roma Tre University, Italy
16:00-16:20	Break	
16:20-17:30 On Live Video (from UK)	Presentation on effective approaches for holistic rural development	Mr Richard WAKEFORD Former OECD chair for the OECD Rural Working Party

DAY 2: 28 November 2023 (Tuesday)

9:00-17:00	Session 2: Effective Activities for Rural Development in GIAHS sites	
9:00 - 10:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 min. Presentation 30 min. Q&A 	Effective ways, approaches and actions for the holistic development of GIAHS sites	Dr Junichi HIROTA Iwate Human Resource Development Center, Japanese GIAHS Expert Group
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30	Biwa Lake GIAHS site: Concrete activities for activating the entire rural community	Mr Kazutoshi OGAWA Director of Agricultural Policy Division, Shiga Prefecture Professor Kenichi WAKIDA Social Department, Ryukoku University
12:30 -13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:00	Nishi-Awa GIAHS site: Concrete activities for activating the entire rural community	Associate Professor Naoki NAITO Tokushima University Ms Maho KITANO Graduate School of Kyoto University
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break	

15:30-17:00	Valencia GIAHS site: Concrete activities for activating the entire rural community	Associate Professor Honorat ROIG-TIERNO Applied Economics at Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV), Spain
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DAY 3: 29 November 2023 (Wednesday)

Session 2 (cont.)		
9:00 - 10:30	Noto GIAHS site: Concrete activities for activating the entire rural community	Mr Hirokazu NAKAMURA Director of Satoyama Promotion Office, Ishikawa Prefecture Mr Ryou YAMAMOTO President, “Hyakusyo no Kurashi” Co, Ltd (Farm House Hotel)
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
Session 3: Effective Approaches and Activities for Achieving Holistic Rural Development in GIAHS sites and Roles of family farmers		
11:00-12:00	Entire Discussion I: Discussion Points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What types of activities/measures are effective for promoting agriculture and enhancing the entire rural economy (in GIAHS sites)? What conditions and environments make them successful? ➤ What types of non-economic activities/initiatives are effective for rural development (in GIAHS sites)? What conditions and environments make them successful? 	All Presenters
12:00 -13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:00	Entire Discussion I (cont.)	All Presenters
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30-17:00	Entire Discussion II and Summary What requirements and conditions are necessary for family farmers to fully take part in these activities and benefit from holistic rural development (in GIAHS sites)?	All Presenters

Annex 1: Family Farmers and Holistic Rural Development in GIAHS sites

