

Sustainable Land Management Policies - Poster session

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In the Individual Assignment the student studies a topic of personal preference, which must contribute to our knowledge on “the theoretical basis and the impact of sustainable land management policies”. The end-product of the Individual Assignment is a **scientific poster** for the International Symposium Agro Environ 2012. Each poster will be presented for, and discussed with a scientific audience on May 4th during a poster-session within the Agro Environ theme “Sustainable Land Management Policies”.

The topic of personal preference for this assignment could be chosen in two ways:

1. A certain **commodity**: make an inventory of (land management) policies formulated specifically for this commodity, and study the impact of these policies on sustainable land management. Data gathering should be carried out by means of literature research (evidence from scientific publications and case studies) and expert interviews.
2. A certain **country**: make an inventory and analysis of policies related to SLM in this specific country (rural development policies, land use policies, subsidies, stimulation of foreign investments, etc.) and analyse – using literature and other sources - how these have influenced land management. This might include data on policy formulation, implementation and monitoring, and how land users and institutions collaborate (or not) in this country.

Crucial in this Individual Assignment is that the student demonstrates his/her capacity to collect and analyse data from different sources, and comes to sound conclusions based on this analysis.