Does Sustainable Land Management Lead to an Inclusive Rural Transformation? - Experience from Ethiopia

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Abstract

Rural Areas in Africa are transforming. Change processes are driven by population growth, urbanisation, domestic and regional migration and impacts of climate change. Consequences for the structure of the local economy, political governance and social fabric are arising and changing these areas.

Occurring transformation of rural areas needs shaping to avoid negative impacts on ecology and society in order to leave no one behind. Natural resources and the people managing them play a key role in sustainable development with regard to integrated ecological, social, economic and political/institutional dimensions. Experiences from the long-standing German support to Ethiopias’ Sustainable Land Management in the Ethiopian Highland Regions underpin the relevance of natural resource management. This presentation identifies the main drivers, chances and challenges shaping inclusive rural transformation through sustainable land management.

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