



Sustainable Rural Development Projects: Diversity and Opportunities from Principles of Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems

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We invite submissions that address the following key questions:

- How can the integration of academia, business, industry, government, and civil society contribute to more effective and holistic project management, planning, and design processes for sustainable development?
- What new paradigms and approaches contribute to sustainability from projects that integrate the principles of responsible investment in agriculture and food systems?
- How can the integration of teaching, research, and connection with civil society contribute to sustainable development through CSA-IRA projects?
- What findings are generated from the [WWP model](#) (“Working with People”), in joint action “Living Labs” in the planning and management of CSA-IRA projects for sustainable development?



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