# **Special Issue**

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

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue seeks to explore the multifaceted dimensions of the transition towards sustainable rural development, focusing on the integration of CSA IRA principles in planning, project design, etc. 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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