



# GIAHS

Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems



## CBD COP11 SIDE EVENT

### Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems: *a legacy for the future*

**Thursday, 18 October 2012 from 18:15-19:45 Room 2.01 – Level 2**

FAO recognizes the enormous contributions and important role of family farmers, indigenous peoples and local communities in managing, conserving and sustaining our biodiversity. Ten years after its initiation in 2002, during the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems Initiative (GIAHS) represents a sophisticated framework for the recognition, dynamic conservation of remarkable systems of agriculture with their agricultural biodiversity, associated biodiversity, knowledge systems, cultures and landscapes, to achieve food security nutrition and livelihoods. GIAHS Initiative emphasizes balance between conservation, adaptation and socio-economic development - sustaining agriculture development while maintaining the harmony between nature and people.

The side event will feature humanity's agricultural heritage systems contributing to conservation of biodiversity and report progress on the implementation of the GIAHS Initiative and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

#### PROGRAMME

##### Speech and Special Presentation:

##### The Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems

Dr Kent Nnadozie, Senior Treaty Officer, ITPGRFA, FAO

##### Ishikawa Prefecture Initiatives – GIAHS “Noto’s Satoyama and Satoumi

Prof Anne McDonald, Senior Advisor, Ishikawa Prefecture

#### Open Forum and Discussions

