





Key policy issues facing agriculture and rural development in mountain regions

Project for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in Mountain Regions (SARD-M)

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Our Focus

-  **Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development**
-  **Mountain Regions: their potentials and constraints**
-  **Policies, Institutions and Processes**


... In a Participatory Process



A Network of Regional Focal Points



- **CIHEAM-IAM Bari** in the Mediterranean Basin – Annarita Antonelli
- **EUROMONTANA** in Europe - Kristiina Urpalainen
- **GMP/CIP** in collaboration with CONDESAN in **South America** - Peter Trutmann
- **GMP/CIP** in sub saharan Africa, Gete Zeleke



Network (2)

- **partnership with UNEP Vienna** Carpathian Convention , Piercarlo Sandei
- **partnership with Balkan Foundation** for sustainable development, Vlatko Andonowski


recent partnerships:

- **ICIMOD** in **Hindu Kush Himalaya** - Kamal Banskota
- **PASOLAC** in **Central America** - Manuel Martinez




Key mountain policy issues

-  **Policies for value-added production and services**
 - promotion of diversification and integration of economic activities essential for mountain development (e.g. ecotourism, quality products)
 - existing policies rarely address livelihoods diversity of mountain populations



Key mountain policy issues

-  **Valorization of positive externalities**
 - goods and services provided by mountain regions are important for **survival of lowland communities**
 - their valorization can ensure **survival of mountain communities**

Mountain goods and services (pos. ext.)	Mechanisms for remunerating mountain communities
Water quality, soil protection	Payments for reforestation and sustainable agricultural practices
Conservation of cultural heritage	Tourism, agritourism, sale of quality products

Key mountain policy issues

- Rural-urban migration**
- Gender and equity issues**
 - mountain populations **marginalised** from development and policy processes
 - mountain women play **significant roles** and need policies to harness their potential
- Cultural heritage**
 - traditional knowledge and systems are well adapted to mountain environments and their preservation
 - their **valorisation** can improve the livelihoods of mountain communities

Key principles for improved policy packages and institutional processes for SARD in mountain regions

Key interrelated and interdependent principles

Policies

- Consideration and raising awareness of **mountain specificities**
- Planning out **strategies** for sustainable agriculture and rural development, **which integrate** into policies these **specificities**
- Development of policies that support **value-added production and services** in mountain regions essential for sustainable mountain development

Key interrelated and interdependent principles

Institutions


- Adaptation of institutional capacities** to facilitate participatory SARD-M policy formulation, implementation, M&E
- Coordination of institutions** at national level through appropriate institutional arrangements
- Cooperation at transnational level** through appropriate institutional arrangements

Key interrelated and interdependent principles


Processes

- Knowledge management**, exchange of information and networking regarding mountain regions
- Participation** in policy formulation
- Monitoring and evaluation** of policies

21 Country Assessments



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Expected Output of Policy Assessments

-  Identification of **problematic areas** and **priority issues** facing a region
-  Evaluation of the overall **strengths** and **weaknesses of SARD-M policies**
-  General **recommendations** on improvements needed in policies, processes and institutions involved in policy making and implementation
-  Proposals for concrete **action-oriented follow-up activities**



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