

Acronyms

CAS – Chinese Academy of Sciences	Cultural Organization
CBD – Convention of Biological Diversity	UNPFII - UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
CBO – Community Based Organization	UNU/PLEC - United Nations University / People, Land
CET - Centro de Educación y Tecnología (Chile)	Management and Environmental Change
DAC-OECD – Development Assistance Committee -	WHC – World Heritage Convention
Organisation for Economic Co-operation	WI – Wageningen International (The Netherlands)
and Development	WIPO – World Intellectual Property Organization
CGIAR - Consultative Group on International	
Agricultural Research	
CGRFA - Commission on Genetic Resources for	
Food and Agriculture	
CPS – Country Programme Strategy	
CSO – Civil Society Organization	
DENR - Department of Environment and Natural	
Resources (Philippines)	
DPSIR Framework – <i>Driving Forces-Pressures-State-</i>	
<i>Impacts-Response</i> general framework	
FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization	
GEF - Global Environmental Facility	
GIAHS – Globally Important Agricultural Heritage	
Systems	
ICCROM - International Centre for the Study of the	
Preservation and Restoration of Cultural	
Property	
IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural	
Development	
IPGRI – International Plant Genetic Resources	
Institute (now called Bioversity	
International)	
ISNAR - International Service for National Agricultural	
Research	
ITPGRFA - International Treaty on Plant Genetic	
Resources	
for Food and Agriculture	
IUCN - International Union for the Conservation of	
Nature and Natural Resources	
MAB BRs – Man and Biosphere Programme	
Biosphere Reserves	
MDG – Millennium Development Goal	
MOA - Ministry of Agriculture (China)	
NGO – Non Governmental organization	
RAF – Resources Allocation Framework (of GEF)	
SGP — Small Grants Programme	
SIPAM - Sitios Ingeniosos de Patrimonio Agrícola	
Mundial	
TCF – The Christensen Fund	
TK – Traditional knowledge	
UNCCD – United Nations Convention to Combat	
Desertification	
UNDP – United Nations Development Programme	
UNESCO - United Nations Educational, Scientific and	

*“GIAHS is not about the past
but is about the future”*

- Parviz Koohafkan