Invitation to a FOCALI – LUCSUS Workshop
- on Forest conservation, agroforestry and livelihoods

June 10, 2014 – Lund University, Lund, Sweden

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Providing sufficient food for a growing world population and achieving a more sustainable development is one of today's global challenges (1-3). However, the increasing demand for new agricultural land and agricultural intensification often leads to ecosystem degradation, deforestation and biodiversity loss in many parts of the world, particularly in tropical areas (4-8). Studies of traditional multistrata agroforestry systems suggest that they have potential to curb deforestation and enable the sustainable management of forest landscapes, which lead to an increase in the scientific and political interest in agroforestry systems in the past years (9-14).

About the workshop:
The workshop will be an opportunity for researchers and practitioners to share information about current research and projects with each other and with a wider range of research and policy stakeholders interested in agroforestry. During the workshop we will discuss the potentials and limitations of agroforestry as a means to support forest conservation, increase productivity and address livelihoods challenges.

Important Information:
The workshop will be held at **Lund University's Geocentrum on June 10, 2014.** We will start at **10:00am** and finish around **4:30pm.** There are no costs for the participants, lunch and coffee will be provided. Please note however that the number of participants will be limited to 30 in order to allow for a meaningful exchange and discussions.

Registration & Submission of Abstracts:
Contributions should relate to the workshop themes (see below) and be submitted in the form of an abstract of up to 300 words. Please send abstracts for a presentation by 2nd of May to: **Torsten Krause** at **torsten.krause@lucsus.lu.se.** If you want to register to attend the workshop without giving a presentation, or have any further inquiries, please contact Torsten Krause.

The workshop themes will be:
- *The challenges of agroforestry practice*
- *Agroforestry and conservation*
- *Agroforestry and livelihoods*
- *Policy challenges of supporting agroforestry*

2 May - deadline for abstracts!

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Target audience:

All researchers and policy-makers interested in agroforestry are welcome to attend the workshop. Participants are welcome to present their work, but this is not obligatory.

Aims of the workshop:

1. *Networking – strengthen our existing networks, get to know each other better and benefit from each other's research and experience.*
2. *Research exchange – present & discuss ongoing and future research and upcoming challenges.*
3. *Research to policy learning – debate and search for ways forward on how to better communicate and integrate research and research findings into policy.*

Welcome!

FOCALI: (Forest, Climate, and Livelihood research network) is a Swedish multidiciplinary research network focusing on forest, bio-energy, land-use, climate change and livelihood issues. Focali works to synthesize knowledge and improve the dialogue between researchers, policy-makers and practitioners. Researchers from a broad range of Swedish universities and institutions are part of the research network. Focali is hosted by Centre for Environment and Sustainability (GMV) in Gothenburg. Read more at: **www.focali.se**

LUCSUS: (Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies) is a platform for education, research and cooperation inside and outside academia on questions related to sustainable development. LUCSUS is a faculty independent Centre at Lund University that currently has about 30 employees, of whom about half are graduate students in Sustainability Science. Read more at: **www.lucsus.lu.se**

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