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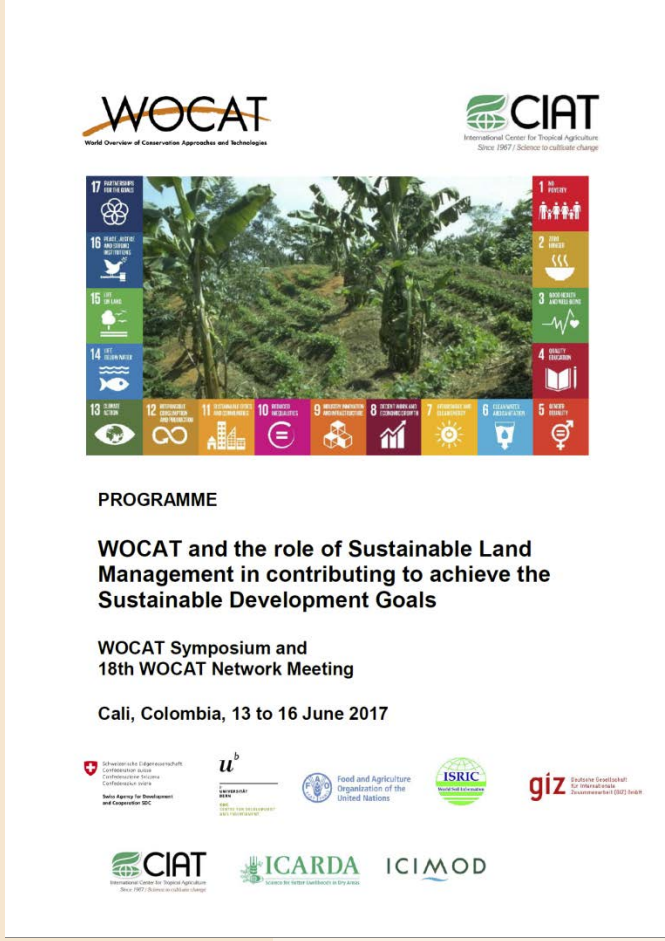
15-16.6.2017

WOCAT-Network Partners using WOCAT tools, database, products

- Achievements
- Difficulties
- The way forward

Towards achieving SDGs,
Knowledge-based Decision Support
Assisting partner in their work


WOCAT
World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies

CIAT
International Center for Tropical Agriculture
Since 1967 / Science to cultivate change

PROGRAMME

WOCAT and the role of Sustainable Land Management in contributing to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

WOCAT Symposium and
18th WOCAT Network Meeting

Cali, Colombia, 13 to 16 June 2017

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ISRIC
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CIAT
ICARDA
ICIMOD

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WOCAT Network

- established in 1992
  → 25 years!
  → CIAT 50 years!
- biennial international network meeting

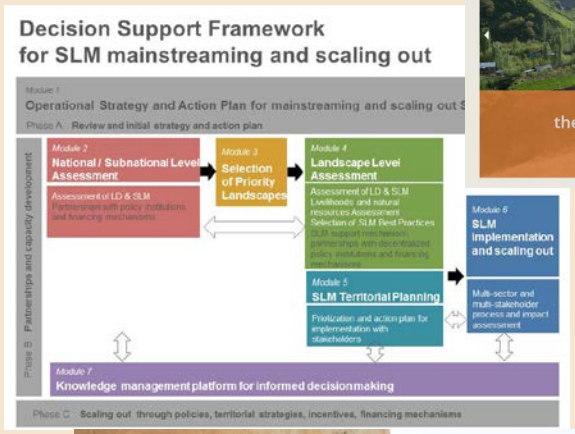
WOCATeers … forever

land users need incentives to make an change

… WOCATeers too… which???

Cali symposium& WNM :
→ 4 key topics plus 1

1. Role of SLM for SDGs
2. Tools methods
3. Decision support
4. Latin America
5. Research



Filling knowledge gaps by research / students

- spread of SLM / LD
- Monitor costs/impacts (quantified) → tradeoffs / benefits of LD/SLM
  - "On-site (→Local) (food and water security, BD, carbon benefits, …)
  - Off-site! (landscape… global) DRR: flood, drought, pollution → CC adaptation /mitigation
  - SDGs !!!
- Make predictions what-if senarios
- Combine complex interactions

… the addtional 5 key issue: Research

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"Making sense of research" Book: Key results:

- Only research can fill the WOCAT gaps
- To reduce costs and improve capacity building involve students
- Combine implementation and university/research partners
  E.g. Ethiopia, Cambodia, Colombia, …
- How to get project funding for filling the gaps and proving its value in knowledge based decision making?
- Joint project proposal: within countries, regions, between countries/regions, with global / regional partners (Consortium Partners WOCAT: CDE, SDC, UoB, FAO, ISRIC, GIZ, CIAT, ICARDA), with global programs: WB,GEF,
- What is needed to make it attractive to partners and donors?
  - Valuable and attractive products: books, video, (see on- offsite project): for practitioners and to the broad public and policy level
  - Attractive tools to assist in further implementation of SLM