



Sources of Agroforestry Information

This document provides profiles of 20 organizations involved in agroforestry projects around the world that are potential resources for your own agroforestry project. The organizations are listed alphabetically and information on their objectives, activities, and agroforestry projects is included. Their contact information and a description of resources available on their websites is also provided.

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Agroforestry Net (www.agroforestry.net)

Agroforestry Net, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational resources about agroforestry, trees, and the sustainable stewardship of land and water. A number of resources are available on their website, including access to the Agroforestry journal, "The Overstory", and hosting the "Agroforester's Library".

"The Overstory" is a free e-mail agroforestry journal edited in English. Issues are sent every two weeks and focus on a concept related to designing, developing, and learning more about trees and agroforestry systems. In addition, information on project development strategies, book recommendations, species highlights and internet links is also included in each edition. Previous editions of "The Overstory" are available online. The "Agroforester's Library" is a compilation of more than 100 references, species, and book sources recommended by agroforestry specialists from around the world, many of them available online.

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ACIAR: Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (www.aciar.gov.au)

ACIAR operates as part of the Australian Government's development cooperation program. It encourages Australia's agricultural scientists to use their skills for the benefit of developing countries and Australia. ACIAR's function is to commission research, fund development activities and training to improve sustainable agricultural production. Their website contains further information on specific countries and projects within those countries, publications, and how to submit project proposals.

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Bioversity International (www.bioversityinternational.org)

Bioversity is the world's largest international research organization dedicated solely to the conservation and use of biodiversity. It is a merger of two organizations working on these issues, IPGRI and INIBAP, under a new name. Bioversity undertakes, encourages and supports research and other activities on the use and conservation of agricultural biodiversity, especially genetic resources, to create more productive, resilient and sustainable harvests. Their aim is to promote the greater well-being of people, particularly poor people in developing countries, by helping them to achieve food security, improve their health and nutrition, boost their incomes, and conserve the resources they depend upon.

Bioversity concentrates on six focus areas: developing and implementing strategies for global collaboration to conserve and use genetic resources for food and agriculture; monitoring the status and trends of useful diversity; enhancing the ex situ conservation and use of the diversity of useful species; conservation and sustainable use of important wild species; managing agricultural biodiversity for better nutrition, improved livelihoods and sustainable production systems for the poor; and conserving and promoting the use of diversity of selected high value crops for the poor.

Their website contains descriptions of work in the different regions (and sub-regions) and includes information on offices, networks, training and publications. The site also has a publications catalogue with many publications available online.

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CAB International (www.cabi.org)

CAB International is a global nonprofit organization with a mission to improve people's lives worldwide by providing information and applying scientific expertise to solve problems in agriculture and the environment. It is organized into CABI Publishing and CABI Bioscience divisions, and an international network of offices and centers.

CABI publishing is one of the leading publishers of bibliographic databases, books, primary journals, CD-ROMs, and Internet resources in the applied life sciences. CABI Bioscience has an international remit dedicated to tackling some of the world's most challenging problems in agricultural sustainability and biological diversity.

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CARE (www.care.org)

CARE International is a confederation of 11 separate member organizations that work with poor communities, mainly women and children, in more than 70 countries around the world to find lasting solutions to poverty. One of their programs, Agriculture and Natural Resources, works with farmers to increase their crop and livestock yields through activities such as planting new seed varieties, animal husbandry, home gardening and irrigation.

CARE has more than 550 active projects around the world in over 50 countries.

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CIAT: International Center for Tropical Agriculture (www.ciat.cgiar.org)

CIAT is a nonprofit organization that conducts socially and environmentally progressive research aimed at reducing hunger and poverty and preserving natural resources in developing countries. CIAT has organized its projects around the following three initiatives: enhancing and sharing the benefits of agro-biodiversity, improving ecosystem health in the tropics, and enhancing rural innovation.

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CFA: Commonwealth Forestry Association (www.cfa-international.org)

The Commonwealth Forestry Association is a membership-based organization that unites foresters, scientists, students, nongovernmental organizations and policymakers around the world in an international network that provides professional support in issues related to promoting the conservation and sustainable management of the world's forests. In order to achieve its goals, the CFA provides the following services: dissemination of information to members, policymakers and the public; education and training of members; facilitation of national capacity building; recognition of excellence in the field of forestry; encouragement of interaction amongst members, and representation at international meetings.

Members receive the International Forestry Review, a peer-reviewed scientific journal covering forest science, policy, management and conservation, as well as a newsletter, which contains forestry news from around the world covering development, policy, training opportunities, research and Association events.

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ECHO: Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (www.echonet.org)

ECHO is a nonprofit Christian organization that provides ideas, training, information, and seeds critical to those working in agricultural development in third world countries. Some of the services provided by ECHO include:

- Providing agricultural knowledge to poor farmers in order to make them more effective at producing crops under harsh conditions.
- Sending trial packets of seeds, which hold the potential for production under inclement conditions, to overseas missionaries and development workers free of charge.
- Providing hands-on training opportunities in tropical agriculture for missionaries, development workers, and college students (i.e. internships, independent studies, college courses, annual agricultural conference).

ECHO also has a Tropical Agriculture Research Library that contains a rare collection of books, journals, newsletters (in English and Spanish), magazines, subject files, videos, and individual plant files. ECHO's collection focuses on research as well as practical techniques for using underexploited plants, cover crops, agroforestry trees, soil improvement, urban gardening and technologies appropriate for developing countries.

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FAO: The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (www.fao.org)

FAO works as a neutral forum where all nations can meet as equals to negotiate agreements and debate policy to reduce hunger around the world. FAO helps developing and transitioning countries to modernize and improve agriculture, forestry, and fisheries practices with special attention being paid to the development of rural areas.

FAO keeps track of economic, environmental and social conditions of all countries around the world and collects, analyzes and publishes information on topics such as forestry, agriculture, sustainable development and fisheries. This information is accessible through the FAO offices, publications, and multilingual website edited in English, Spanish, French, Chinese and Arabic.

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IFAD: International Fund for Agricultural Development (www.ifad.org)

IFAD is a specialized program of the United Nations with a mission to enable the rural poor to overcome poverty. The organization provides low-interest loans and grants to develop and finance programs and projects that help rural people. IFAD has the following strategic objectives: To strengthen the capacity of the rural poor and their organizations, to improve equitable access to productive natural resources and technologies, and to increase access by the rural poor to financial services and markets. The fund has designed and implemented projects in 115 countries and territories.

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IFPRI: International Food Policy Research Institute (www.ifpri.org)

IFPRI's mission is to provide policy solutions that cut hunger and malnutrition, focusing mainly on low-income countries and poor people. Through its extensive research projects and policy analysis, IFPRI directly supports developing country policymakers, nongovernmental organizations, and civil society in their efforts to help the poor. Its published research indirectly affects policy changes through opinion leaders, donors, advisers, and the media, all of which influence national and international decision-making.

IFPRI's Library includes catalogs and databases, a collection of journals and electronic publications, IFPRI's publications, and information resources for developing countries.

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IIED: International Institute for Environment and Development (www.iied.org)

IIED is an international policy research institute and nongovernmental body that works for a more sustainable and equitable global development. Through its partners across the developing world, it acts as a catalyst, broker and facilitator of vulnerable groups. IIED provides assistance and research resources to these groups in order to get their concerns heard and understood at the political level. IIED's research is carried out within five main areas: natural resources, climate change, human settlements, sustainable markets, and governance.

The website provides information on and a link to the RING (Regional and International Networking Group) which is a global alliance of research and policy organizations that seek to enhance and promote sustainable development through research, dissemination, and policy advocacy. They link grassroots communities and policy makers, and share and disseminate knowledge between the North and South and between regions. Many of the organizations' publications are available for download on their website.

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IIRR: The International Institute for Rural Reconstruction (www.iirr.org)

IIRR is a rural development organization working in Africa, Asia and Latin America to promote people-centered development through capacity building of communities and their organizations. IIRR uses participatory approaches to encourage people-centered practices within communities and among other development organizations.

The IIRR program has three components: the learning community, education and training, and publications and communication. In the learning community, IIRR works with poor communities to involve community leaders and members in integrated development programs dealing with issues such as health and nutrition, community forestry and sustainable agriculture. Through education and training, the Institute aims to develop the capacities of rural development managers and practitioners. Finally, via publications and communications, IIRR works with communities and development partners to document field-based experiences on diverse topics.

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NFP: New Forests Project (www.newforestsproject.org)

The New Forests Project (NFP) is a people-to-people, direct-action program established to initiate reforestation and reduce deforestation in developing countries. NFP has worked with more than 4,400 communities in over 120 countries.

Through the World Seed Program, the NFP distributes seeds of fast-growing tree species, technical assistance, training aids, and educational materials to those interested in starting their own agroforestry projects. This Program also supports an agroforestry network in numerous regions of the world, which allows people who are working in agroforestry projects to communicate and share their experiences and knowledge.

The Clean Water Initiative is a joint project between the International Rural Water Association (IRWA), the Honduran Association of Water Boards (AHJASA) and the El Salvador Association of Water Boards (ASSA), which provides technical assistance and training to manage 350 rural communities' water systems in Central America. The project emphasizes a community-oriented approach to water and sanitation in rural areas over the traditional focus of simply installing water system infrastructure.

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TFF: Trees for the Future (www.treesfff.org)

Trees for the Future is a nonprofit organization initiating and supporting agroforestry self-help projects that bring degraded lands and struggling farmlands back to sustainable productivity. TFF works in cooperation with groups and individuals in developing countries and provides technical knowledge and planting materials for multi-purpose, fast-growing tree species. In addition, TFF has been working to introduce several models of fuel-efficient stoves that reduce dependence on wood for cooking and exposure to harmful smoke.

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UNDP: United Nations Development Programme (www.undp.org)

The UN Development Programme advocates for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. The UNDP helps countries build and share their own solutions to urgent development challenges by supporting local, regional, and global coalitions for change and connecting individuals and institutions so they can share knowledge, experience, and resources. This helps developing countries attract and use aid effectively. One of the focus areas is Energy and Environment that includes strategies for sustainable development, effective water governance, access to sustainable energy services, sustainable land management to combat desertification and land degradation, and conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

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USDA National Agroforestry Center (www.unl.edu/nac/)

The USDA National Agroforestry Center is a governmental institution of the US Department of Agriculture that works to support practices that integrate trees and agriculture. The USDA National Agroforestry Center conducts research on how to design and install forested buffers to protect water quality and also develops and delivers technology on a broad suite of agroforestry practices to natural resource professionals who directly assist landowners and communities.

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WI: Winrock International (www.winrock.org)

Winrock International is a nonprofit organization that works with people around the world to increase economic opportunity, sustain, natural resources, and protect the environment. By linking local individuals and communities with new ideas and technology, Winrock is increasing long-term productivity, equity, and responsible resource management to benefit the poor and disadvantaged of the world.

On its website, Winrock provides a publication archive and an opportunity to subscribe to their E-newsletter, Innovations.

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The World Agroforestry Centre is a leading international organization in the practice of agroforestry that integrates trees into agriculturally productive landscapes. The Center combines scientific research in agroforestry with innovative development partnerships to address poverty, hunger, and environmental problems throughout the tropics.

The World Agroforestry Center produces a wealth of publications in the form of journal articles, books and book chapters as well as training materials, brochures and videos. A database of these products can be found on the website or requested at: The Publications Assistant, World Agroforestry Centre, United Nations Avenue, Gigiri, P.O. Box 30677, 00100 GPO, Nairobi, Kenya; E-mail: icraf@cgiar.org. Some useful resources available at their website include a database on agroforestry tree species and seed suppliers, as well as nursery manuals.

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WN: World Neighbors (www.wn.org)

World Neighbors is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization that works to help communities solve their own problems of hunger, poverty and disease by training local people to work for change. Its programs include improved sustainable agriculture, community-based health, reproductive health, environmental conservation, water and sanitation, and livelihood strategies. In each area of need World Neighbors phases out support and leaves behind networks of leaders with the skills to enable a community to undertake development initiatives of its own.

On the website, one can access archived issues of the organization's magazine, *Neighbors*, which includes stories and photographs of the communities that World Neighbors has worked with, as well as an in-depth field report, and a focus on World Neighbor's supporters. Also provided is a form by which one can subscribe to the organization's e-mail newsletter.

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