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The CGIAR Research Program on Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE) is a 'research-for-development' program that works across the developing world, including the Nile Basin and surrounding countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Sudan, and Egypt.

WLE promotes a new approach to sustainable intensification in which a healthy functioning ecosystem is seen as a prerequisite to agricultural development, the resilience of food systems and human well-being.

NILE PROGRAM GOAL

To generate and share the knowledge and practices needed to influence future investments and governance of natural resources and ecosystems for enhanced agricultural productivity and improved livelihoods.

A growing population and the increasing use of marginal land have led to both land and ecosystem degradation in many parts of the Blue Nile Basin

Our work takes on the challenge of

Creating a base of evidence to influence investments by the public and private sectors in landscapes for sustained and improved agricultural production where benefits are shared equitably.

By focusing on

- ◆ Understanding and minimizing the trade-offs in ecosystem services from agricultural and infrastructure development.
- ◆ Achieving sustainable land management in degradation hot spots.
- ◆ Strengthening equity and the role of women and youth in the sustainable intensification of agriculture and ecosystem management.



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So that we can achieve

- ◆ Improved governance for equitable and sustainable management of infrastructure and ecosystems.
- ◆ Healthy landscapes and ecosystem services for productive economies and food security.
- ◆ Capacity enhancement and professional development.

The Nile basin and East Africa region is home to approximately 20 percent of the continent's population

How will we do this?

- ◆ Generate knowledge and analyze the economic value of water and land and their governance, equitable use and distribution to influence future investments.
- ◆ Create tools, methods and influence forums for managing ecosystems.
- ◆ Generate guidance on best practices through publications, training events, and evidence for policy development.

Partnerships

WLE is looking for implementing partners to put research evidence and recommendations into action for enhanced agricultural productivity and poverty reduction.

Interested? Contact: wle-nile@cgiar.org

Program Update

The Nile Basin and East Africa Program conducted a call for Expressions of Interest for research projects. Successful candidates will meet in Addis Ababa October 20–24th to solidify plans for regional projects from 2015–2016.

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