



Irrigation: Making it work for the poor

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13:45 – 17:00

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Irrigation can contribute significantly to poverty alleviation, food security, and improving the quality of life for rural populations. However, irrigation often does not live up to expectations and can also be highly inefficient and have negative environmental and socio-economic effects, such as water logging and salinization, water and vector borne diseases, and inequitable access to water. In turn, these negative social and economic impacts can be compensated through improved planning, implementation and management of irrigation systems.

This meeting explores the linkage between irrigation and drainage, and hunger and poverty alleviation, in which the poor benefit through higher yields, lower risk of crop failure, adoption of diversified cropping patterns, increased high-value and market-oriented crop production, and fixed employment. Experts will share lessons from various countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.



Programme

13:45	Registration
14:00	Welcome and Introduction Helen Houghton-Carr (IWF & CEH)
14:15	Key and Smart Actions to Alleviate Hunger and Poverty Through Irrigation and Drainage Peter Lee (FAO)
14:45	Lessons in sustainable agricultural groundwater management Timothy Foster (University of Manchester)
15:15	Networking break
15:45	Irrigation, food security and poverty: The Lessons from three large dams in West Africa Jamie Skinner (IIED)
16:15	Farmers/irrigators in semi-arid lands: what future? Peter Newborne (ODI)
16:45	Concluding discussions
17:00	Close of meeting

Registration

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