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**AGRICULTURAL  
HERITAGE**  
Systems



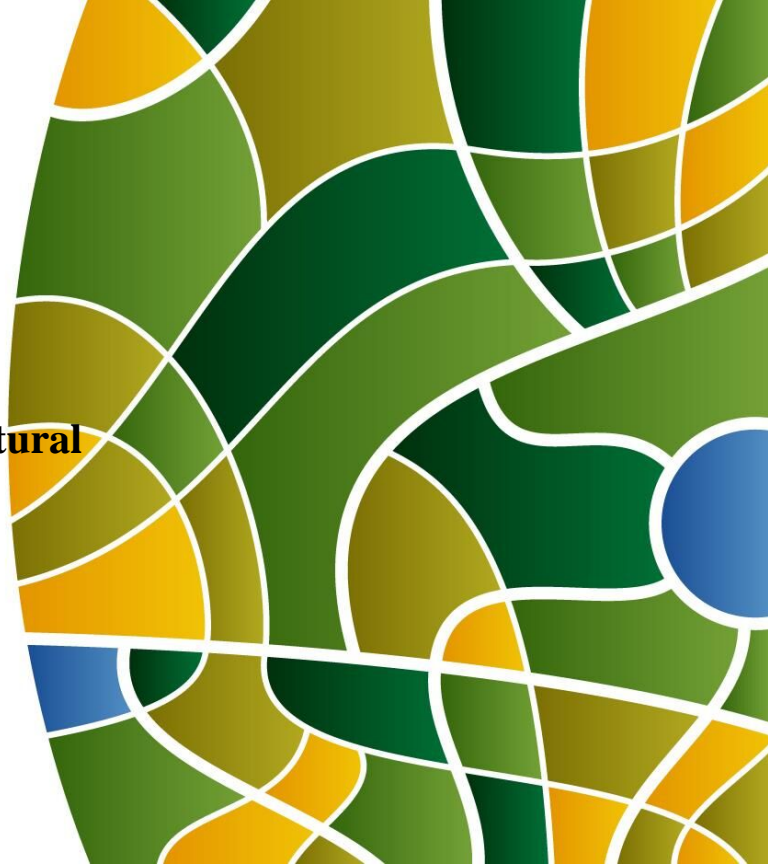
# **FAO GIAHS Programme**

## **The Direction and Issues for Future Programme Operation**

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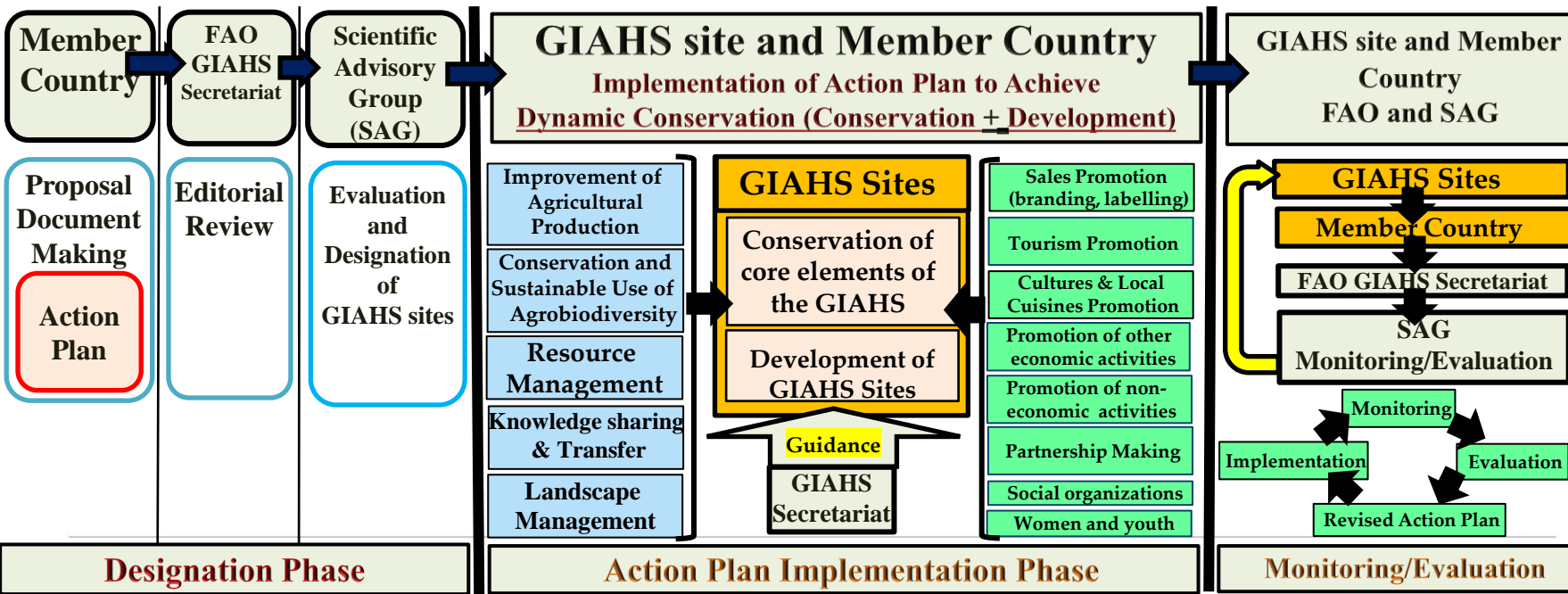
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# Future GIAHS Programme Operation

- Expansion of GIAHS Programme activities to cover (i) Action Plan Implementation Phase and (ii) Establishment of Monitoring and Evaluation System



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- 2. Information collection from GIAHS sites such as scientific analysis and data for specific features of the agricultural systems, and successful cases of action plan implementation**

**For example;**

- (i) Which combination of land uses among the main crops (maize, pumpkin, beans) is the most sustainably productive in the Yucatan Peninsula Milpa system in Mexico.**
  - (ii) How much is the carbon sequestration capacity of the agricultural practices of use of fallen leaves as compost in “Fallen Leaves Compost Agroforestry System in Musashino Upland”?**
  - (iii) How the slush and burn practice in Brazil GIAHS site can be sustainable in terms of biodiversity and nutritional cycle?**
  - (vi) Which activities are most effective to increase the supporters in urban population to GIAHS sites?**
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## 3. Some considerations for improvement of definition and criteria of GIAHS

### The Objectives:

- (i) To reflect the experiences of GIAHS programme operation since 2016
- (ii) To explicitly express close association of GIAHS to the global issues (e.g., biodiversity, climate change)

### GIAHS Definition

*Remarkable land use systems and landscapes which are rich in globally significant biological diversity evolving from the co-adaptation of a community with its environment and its needs and aspirations for sustainable development*

### GIAHS Criteria

1. Food and livelihood security;
2. Agro-biodiversity
3. Local and Traditional Knowledge systems
4. Cultures, Value systems and Social Organisations, religious and/or spiritual experiences.
5. Landscapes and Seascapes Features

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## 4. Elaboration of GIAHS approach as an effective tool for rural vitalization and development

### GIAHS Sites

#### Main Actors

- Farmers (family farmers)
- Food Processors
- Commercial agencies
- Other industries
- Civil Societies/NGOs/
- Voluntary Groups
- Academia/Researchers
- Local government
- Farmers Organizations

Main  
Actors

#### GIAHS main features as resources

- Biodiversity
- Agrobiodiversity
- Traditional knowledge
- Cultures
- Landscapes

Measures  
and  
Activities

Resources

#### Other Resources in Rural Areas

- Historical Backgrounds
- Biomass
- Natural Environment
- Farmland and Water)
- Unused buildings and houses
- Human resources

#### 1 Economic Activities

##### (a) Promotion of Agricultural Production /Processing/Marketing

- Quality Improvement/Organic/Value addition
- Expansion of the activities to processing
- Expansion to marketing (E-commerce)
- Eco-labelling, Certification of specific agricultural practices, Branding

##### (b) Agriculture plus other activities

- AG+ Tourism=Agrotourism
- AG for Welfare
- AG and Education
- AG and Restaurant

##### (c) Agriculture related activities

- Farmland rental service

##### (d) Other Economic Activities

- Bioenergy
  - Gastronomy tourism
  - Ecotourism
  - Art activities
  - Office Rent Service
- #### 2 Non-economic activities
- Urban rural exchange
  - Partnership formation/Exchange programs
  - Various Types of Events (foods, cultures, etc.)
  - Education, seminars and studies about the rural area and GIAHS site features

#### 3 Social Lives Improvements

- Improved medical service
- Easy access for education
- Convenience for shopping
- Sufficient coverage of other public services (security, emergency)

#### 4 Infrastructure Improvement and Investment

- Water, Road, Connection to internet, etc.

### Output: Development of the Entire Rural Community

- Improved awareness of the heritage nature (restored confidence)
- Improved economic and social conditions of the rural community
- Higher Quality of Lives of the entire rural population
- Increased welfare of the rural residents

Outcome: Incentivizing farmers in the GIAHS site and stakeholders for promoting conservation

As a result of this, farmers and all stakeholders in GIAHS sites are economically, socially and morally well motivated and given sufficient incentives to conduct activities for conservation of the main features of their site.

Knock-on effects to surrounding areas

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## 5. Use of GIAHS logos as labeling of agricultural products for commercial purposes

GIAHS Logo by FAO



Should we make a universal GIAHS logo for commercial purposes??

### Logo and Labelling designed by individual GIAHS sites



Chile



Japan



Portugal




China



Korea

# Future GIAHS Programme Operation

- 6. Rearrangement of GIAHS contact points in member countries and establishment and fortification of a management body of each site**
  - 7. Integration of modern technologies and innovation to the traditional knowledge**
    -  Workshop on GIAHS and traditional knowledge: September 9-10 2024, FAO
  - 8. Stabilization of the financial resources and establishment of professional post(s) in the GIAHS Secretariat**
  - 9. Active approach for dissemination of GIAHS to media, urban citizens, consumers, civil societies.**
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