



Call for articles for Special Issue

The role of agricultural development research in achieving SDG Goal 2 (Zero Hunger) and Goal 15 (Life on Land)

Advancements in Agricultural Development (<https://agdevresearch.org/index.php/aad>) is now accepting manuscripts for a special issue focused on advancements in agricultural development that align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Zero Hunger) and Goal 15 (Life on Land).

Background to the special issue

In 2025, the global community will have just five years remaining to meet the targets outlined in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs were launched in 2015 as a common global agenda by the 191 countries of the United Nations. Since then, the whole globe has endured the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing and new human conflicts, and a rising human population, all of which have put increasing strain on our planet. At the same time, advances in technology, social movements advocating for justice and equity, and increased understanding of complex systems lend promise that we can attain ambitious goals as a global community. With the SDG timeframe set to expire in 2030, it is important to review progress towards the targets set by the global community.

Past narratives have tended to pit humans against nature, with “solutions” typically advocating approaches that separate man and environment. Increasing human population has caused a rethink of man’s relationship with the natural world, and the 17 SDGs articulate targets that both address human development as well as planetary conservation. Arguably the most significant activity that brings man and the natural world together is agriculture – the production of food, fuel, fiber and other goods for human consumption. Advances in global agricultural development increasingly seek outcomes and impact that are mutually beneficial for humans and the planet. The SDGs speak to agricultural development and environmental conservation throughout the 17 goals but are most explicitly focused on these topics under SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 15 (Life on Land).

Focus of special issue

This special issue invites manuscripts that outline sound research and practical outcomes in the context of food, agriculture and natural resources, linking new knowledge to pursuit of SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and/or SDG 15 (Life on Land). Manuscripts should focus on education, extension, human capacity building, diffusion of innovations, leadership and communication that generate new knowledge to advance agriculture in the context of these two SDGs. Manuscripts should

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align with AAD's aim and scope and include clear references to either SDG 2 and/or 15. Manuscripts should outline agricultural development research that addresses practical challenges and solutions to meeting specific targets outlined under SDG 2 and/or 15. Manuscripts may focus on any geographical location(s) and scale, ranging from local to global.

Advancements in Agricultural Development (ISSN 2690-5078) is an open-access journal publishing social science research in the context of food, agriculture, and natural resources. The *aim* of AAD is to influence agricultural development practices by rapidly disseminating theoretically and conceptually sound research focused on practical outcomes. The *scope* of AAD includes research focused on education, extension, human capacity building, diffusion of innovations, leadership, and communication in the context of food, agriculture, and natural resources. AAD defines agricultural development research as that which provides new knowledge that can be applied to advance agriculture through improved human practices. We accept quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research. Research must create appropriate connections using theory and existing literature that will enable their work to add value in a variety of scholarly and practical contexts.

Manuscript preparation and submission

- Manuscripts should be no longer than 15 pages double spaced inclusive of all text, figures, tables, and references, using APA style.
- Follow AAD writing and referencing styles.
- For full details on manuscript preparation, please follow the guidelines provided at: https://agdevresearch.org/index.php/aad/submission_guidelines.
- Be sure you have consulted the [Information for Authors](#) and [Author Contributions](#) pages.
- To submit a manuscript, please use the submission portal for AAD (<https://agdevresearch.org/index.php/aad/about/submissions>). Please add a comment in the Pre-Review Discussion section indicating this article is in response to the call for articles in the special issue.
- The publication fee for accepted articles is US\$395. This fee will be invoiced after an article has been accepted for publication. AAD is not affiliated with or supported by any professional society. Publishing fees are used to cover the costs of managing the journal and website.
- Timeline
 - Submission Deadline - January 15, 2025.
 - Review and Revisions – January to May 2025
 - Publication – June 2025

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