



## New perspectives: Discussing land management in China

China is not just a nation with a long and great tradition, but also a nation with multiple challenges regarding land-use, land-use governance and land-use impacts. That is one of the reasons to - once again - getting in touch with our Chinese colleagues, getting an idea of the situation on-site and exchanging ideas. Therefore apl. Prof. Dr. Thomas Weith, Prof. Dr Katharina Helming and Dr. Katrin Daedlow from the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) attended the "Global Land Project 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Science Meeting" and further events in China from late October until November 2016.

Apl. Prof. Dr. Thomas Weith presented results of the multi-annual project "Innovative System Solutions for Sustainable

Land Management - Scientific Coordination Project" - funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) - on several occasions in Beijing and Nanjing. The following professional discourses were continued at institutes of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and two of Nanjings universities.

Additionally, ZALF and the Institute for Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (IGSNRR-CAS), maintain the joint Chinese German Centre for Impact Assessment (CGCIA) in Peking for more than five years. At a CGCIA Workshop on "New Perspective in Sustainable Land Management" central core aspects of sustainable land-use were also discussed. Additionally to apl. Prof. Dr. Thomas Weiths presentations on „Sustainable Land Management“, complementary presentations were given by Prof. Dr. Katharina Helming and Dr. Katrin Daedlow with focus on the conceptual approach of the new research programme "BonaRes" (Soil as a sustainable resource for bioeconomy) - also BMBF - including elements of sustainability assessment as well as on data management at ZALF.

A meeting of several hundred land-use and land management researchers at the "Global Land Project 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Science Meeting" in Beijing provided an additional opportunity for the ZALF-scientists to debate further aspects of knowledge management, urban-rural interdependencies and sustainability assessment regarding land-use change.

The cooperation with Chinese partners will be further continued and the exchange of knowledge will be intensified.



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