

Workshop "Agricultural Innovations, Rural Development and Globalization Processes in Central Asia"

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The workshop "Agricultural Innovations, Rural Development and Globalization Processes in Central Asia" took place at IAMO in Halle (Saale), Germany, on 17 February 2020. The event was organized in the framework of a PostDoc research supported by EEGA.

The full day workshop brought together researchers from different disciplines to better understand processes of globalization and agricultural innovations towards agricultural and rural development in Central Asian countries. In order to exploit agriculture's potential in a sustainable way, innovations as well as reforms of the current institutional environment are required. Challenges relate to non-transparent and poorly defined land ownership and tenure relations, a high discretionary involvement of governments in input and output markets, high transaction costs, inadequate access to credit for farmers and a limited provision of public goods and services. However, innovations and integration into global markets will have implications for structural changes, rural labour markets, rural socio-economy, as well as farmers' behaviour. The important role of these processes has attracted attention of social scientists from various related fields, including agricultural economists. Presentations on 11 topics related to agriculture, innovation, rural development, and globalization in Central Asia had been discussed. The workshop built a platform for researchers working on topics related to Central Asian agriculture in order to share their ideas for further agricultural and rural development.

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