International Conference

on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas

and the First Annual Councilor Meeting of WASWAC (LANDCON1010)

(The 3rd Announcement)

I INVITATION

You are cordially invited to participate in the International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas and the First Annual Councilor Meeting of WASWAC (LANDCON1010) to be held in in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China from October 11th to 15th, 2010.

Land is foundation of human survives and development, but the Land degradation is intensifying in many parts of the world because of the unreasonable land use and global climate change. According to the FAO's estimation in 2008, there 1.5 billion people, or a quarter of the world's population, depend directly on land that is being degraded. Land degradation could induce the deterioration of the ecological function and productivity of land directly through soil erosion, desertification, salinization, loss of bio-diversity and so on. Furthermore, the land degradation has already threatened and is threatening the socio-economic and culture development at regional and global scales.

Fortunately, the increasing attention has been paid in combating land degradation all over world, such as the Soil and Water Conservation Engineering in the Upper and Middle Reaches of Yellow River since 1980 and "Grain for Green Project" of China, ACIAR-AusAID Landcare Project in Australia, the GEF UNEP/FAO program on Land Degradation Assessment in Dryland Areas (LADA) and EU FP6 Integrated Project on Desertification Mitigation and Remediation of Land (DESIRE).

We sincerely hope that you will join us in making LANDCON1010 a success. We look forward to welcoming you to LANDCON 2010 and Xi'an, China.

II THEMES

Situation and evolution of land degradation Mechanism and driving factors of land degradation **Control measures of land degradation Evaluation of land degradation and land management on environment** Land degradation and regional social-economic sustainable development Effect of global change on land degradation And other relative topics.

III ORGANIZATION

1 Initiative organizations

World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC) Soil and Water Conservation Society of China (CSWCS)

2 Sponsors

Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) Ministry of Water Resources, China (MWR) Shaanxi Provincial People's Government

3 Host

Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR

IV VENUE AND DATE

Data: October 11-15, 2010 Venue: Paradise Resort Xi'an (Qujiang Xian Hui Yuan Bin guesthouse) http://www.87663333.com/php/en index.php Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, P. R. China

V PUBLICATION

1 The proceeding of Landcon1010 will be published by Springer. All full paper would be indexed by JSTP and EI. 2 Important date of paper (New update)

Deadline for Abstract Submission: June 10, 2010 Abstract Acceptance Notification: June 20, 2010 Deadline for Full Paper Submission: July 31, 2010

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