



How to ensure sustainable and inclusive value chains

Examples of cotton and cocoa

Award ceremony and public discussion organized
by the Swiss Forum for International Agricultural Research (SFIAR),
hosted by CDE – University of Bern

Online

15 December 2021, 16:15 – 18:30

Award

The Swiss Forum for International Agricultural Research (SFIAR) offers an annual Award for graduates and scientists working in agricultural research for development. This year's Team Award goes to the team of Amritbir Singh Riar from FiBL for their project "Green Cotton/ Seeding the Green Future". With this project Amritbir's team aims to develop and deliver non-GM cotton varieties to Indian farmers who intend to cultivate organic cotton. Access to quality organic seeds adapted to local production conditions is key to meeting the growing demand for organic cotton, as well as the challenges of climate change.

The Award for the best Master's Thesis goes to Michaela Kuhn for her research "A Gendered Analysis of Small-Scale Cocoa Production in Uganda" conducted at FiBL and submitted at University of Göttingen. The gender gap identified in this case study is important baseline information for the development of future interventions.

Event

The two prize-winning researchers will present their work at the Award Ceremony. The event will also put the research into a broader perspective: This year's award-winning projects both contribute their part to the overarching goal of developing sustainable and inclusive value chains. To reach this goal, a common effort is needed by all stakeholders involved: researchers, producers, industry as well as consumers. What are their respective roles, and what are the challenges and the promising pathways? The keynote speaker Heinz Zeller will look at the subject from the point of view of a cotton industry representative. Our concluding panel discussion provides an opportunity to debate these questions further and to broaden the view from the cotton to the cocoa value chain.

Program

- 16:15** Welcome
Dr. Martijn Sonneveld, SFIAR President
- 16:20** Sustainable Cotton Value Chains
– Opportunities and Challenges (working title)
*Heinz Zeller, Head of Sustainability & Logistics
at HUGO BOSS Ticino SA*
- 16:40** Questions
- 16:50** SFIAR Team Award Laudatio
Dr. Martijn Sonneveld
- 16:55** Green Cotton/Seeding the Green Future
*Dr. Amritbir Singh Riar,
Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)*
- 17:10** Break
- 17:20** SFIAR Master Thesis Award Laudatio
Dr. Martijn Sonneveld
- 17:25** A Gendered Analysis of Small-Scale
Cocoa Production in Uganda
*Michaela Kuhn, former student
at University of Göttingen*
- 17:40** Panel Discussion
*Heinz Zeller, Dr. Amritbir Riar,
Michaela Kuhn, Dr. Ingrid Fromm (BFH-HAFL),
moderation: Dr. Lindsey Norgrove, (SFIAR Vice-President)*
- 18:30** Presentation of the awards

Information

COVID-19

Due to the current COVID-19 situation the event will be held online.

Registration

Please register by 13 December 2021
at www.sfiar.ch/award.htm

Fees

The event is free of charge.

Language

The event will be held in English,
no translation will be provided.

Participation

Please note that a participation link will be sent to all
registered participants one day before the event.

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Picking of fully open cotton bolls.
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