



Global Land Cover Network Workshop

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Dear Shri

I am most pleased to invite your Department to depute suitable candidate to participate in Global Land Cover Network (GLCN) Workshop to be held in Delhi, 15-19 Feb, 2005. GLCN is sponsored by FAO, UNEP and Government of Italy with the aim to improve the availability of comprehensive information on land cover and its dynamics. The approach generates essential data needed for sustainable development, environmental protection, food security and humanitarian programmes of the national and international organizations (see attached).

The Delhi workshop will cover methodology, techniques and applications of GLCN (see attached) and bring together professionals working in the diverse fields of Remote Sensing / GIS, Agriculture, Forestry, Pasture / Rangeland, Environment, and Food Security at the State and National levels. It is expected to contribute towards development of a commonly accepted legend and measurement methods for land cover mapping in the country. Foundation for innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT) of Indian Institute for Technology, New Delhi, would provide conference facilities, computer lab and accomodation.

We are in the process of preparing the final list of participants, who should be professionals involved in land use / land cover mapping activities in government / non-government organizations or working in an individual capacity. We request you to identify suitable candidates and inform us as soon as possible their names, designation and contact address. FAO will take over costs of travel, boarding and lodging of participants. Provisionally, we have planned to accommodate one person per Institution, but may accept more if such a need is well justified and seats are available.

As time is short, we request you to advise the selected candidates to make reservations for their travel, using the most economic and direct route, and inform us as soon as possible about their travel plans and accommodation needs. We also request them to bring a short report on land cover mapping activities of their organization, including legend and measurement methods, for inclusion in the workshop proceedings. We hope to finalize the list of participants by early next month and inform you and the selected candidates about their participation in the workshop.

The GLCN Workshop Organizing Committee in India including Food and Agriculture Organization, Indian Council for Agricultural Research, National Remote Sensing Agency and Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT) of Indian Institute for Technology (IIT) extends your Department a warm invitation and look forward to your participation.

Yours Sincerely

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