

**Integrated Soil and Water Conservation Management of Agroecosystems across Scales:
Supporting Sustainable Development and Community Resilience around the Globe – A
Bid to host the ISCO Conference in West Lafayette, Indiana (USA) in 2026**

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Abstract: More than a quarter of a century ago, structured discussions of about 750 conservationists from 80 countries at the 10th ISCO Conference in West Lafayette in 1999 led to an Action Agenda on "what might be done to build a greater measure of ecological sustainability into the world agricultural systems" (see ISCO-10 Action Agenda at <https://www.isco.org>). We propose to host again researchers, policymakers, donors, program administrators, and opinion leaders from around the world at the exact location on the Purdue University campus to gather, present their findings, review, revise, and update 1) the Needs for and Significance of Improved Conservation of Land Resources, 2) the Need for Monitoring, 3) the Research and Development of Suitability Technologies, and 4) the Global Convention on Land Conservation. Following the long-standing tradition of the ISCO conference series attendees addressing soil erosion caused both by water and wind, we intend to utilize a structured approach to organize the conference around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the multi-dimensional PEOPLES Resilience Framework for the conference's themes and tracks. In our bid, we will propose our framework to create a unique conference structure and an international conference organizing team to have researchers, stakeholders, rightsholders, policy, and decision-makers contribute, share their expertise, and satisfy their interests by facilitating a trans-disciplinary collection of enriching oral and poster sessions, inspiring keynotes, panel discussions, technical workshops, and pre-and post-conference field trips to meet old and new colleagues.

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