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## April News & Updates

Using Hope to Inspire Action on Climate Change: Blog Piece Written by Jules Pretty



In his blog post, Professor Jules Pretty explores how fostering a spirit of hope and optimism can translate into meaningful action to tackle the climate crisis. He demonstrates how crucial it is to develop local and regional social capital to help create both policy and behavioral change. Pretty currently serves on the External Advisory Board at the SIIL. Read the blog below.

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#### Sustainable Food and Agriculture Systems in Southeast Asia Series

Dr. Manny Reyes represented Kansas State University and the SIIL at the roundtable discussion series on Sustainable Food and Agriculture Systems in Southeast Asia. This discussion was a two-day event hosted at the Philippine International Convention Center in the Philippines on April 18th-19th. 2023. The second day of the event consisted of a ceremonial signing to represent the intention to engage in WISE Carbon Farming organized by SEARCA and Bangko



Pictured (left to right): SEARCA Deputy Director of Programs, Dr. Nur Azura Bintuan Adam. SEARCA Director, Dr. Glen Gregorio. SIIL representative & Research Professor, Dr. Manny Reyes.

Sentral ng Pilipinas. To learn more about the event, visit the link below!

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#### Youth Engagement: Student Highlights



Ayele Mamo Sustainably Intensified Production Systems Impact on Nutrition Ayeke earned his Master's degree in Engineering Hydrology from Bahir Dar University in Ethiopia.

Ayele graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor's in Hydraulic and Water



Askalemariame Sahilu ASMIH-Ethiopia Askalmariame earned her Master's in Food Technology from Bahir Dar University in Ethiopia.

Askalmariame graduated in 2020 with a master's degree in Food

Resource Engineering and in 2018 with a Master's in Engineering Hydrology both from Bahir Dar University. After graduating he was taken on by the university as a Senior Lecturer in the College of Engineering. When researching the upper Blue Nile Basin his biggest setback was predicting the stream flow and sediment response. But he was inspired to continue by knowing his work will positively impact his community and those who are closest to him.

Technology from Bahir Dar University in Ethiopia. While in her studies she researched the effects of threshing and storage on the reduction of the post-harvest loss of maize. She measured the moisture content of the crop after being exposed to massive exposure to sunlight. The most difficult part of her research was the transportation requirements from the field to the storage sites. She currently works at Bahir Dar University as a lecturer.

The American University of the Caribbean announce the launch of the Agricultural Technology Park at AUC

The American University of the Caribbean (AUC) is one of the southern region's top universities, teaching and conducting research in the agricultural sciences. One of the six universities participating in the USAID-funded initiative: Haiti Agricultural University Partnership: Center for Mitigation, Adaptation, and Resilience to Climate-Change in Haiti (HAUP-CEMARCH), AUC will expand on its already active education and research program in agricultural training as part of its role in CEMARCH. To read more visit the link below!

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#### SHGBEE International Conference

The first international conference on School-Plus-Home Garden Biodiversity cum Enhancement Enterprise (SHGBEE) was held on the 8th-11th of November 2022. The theme of the conference was Restoring Biodiversity, Regenerating Agriculture, and Building Businesses. SHGBEE provided a platform for sharing experiences and best practices related to school and home gardens along with the enhancement of biodiversity and enterprise in



Southeast Asia. SIIL's CE SAIN Cambodia presented along with David Ader project leader of S-3 Cambodia.

Upcoming Events

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### SUSTAINABLE INTENSIFICATION INNOVATION LAB

#### 2023 ANNUAL MEETING Somone, Senegal

Registration details will be available soon.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming annual meeting of the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Sustainable Intensification (SIIL). The event will feature presentations on future activities of SIIL, consortia and research projects, and opportunities for collaboration and networking. SIIL sub-awardees, external advisory board, collaborators, host country partners, management entity staff, and USAID representatives will all be in attendance! For more information contact Layne Davis at laynewilson@ksu.edu.









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