

IGU Commission on *Agricultural Geography and Land Engineering*

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On 29 December 2016, the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Agricultural Geography and Land Engineering (AGLE) was formally established after the approval by the executive committee of IGU. The IGU-AGLE becomes the No. 39 commission of the IGU family.

The commission's mission targets the improvement of agricultural conditions of different areal types by way of land engineering which helps to increase the land productivity and grain production.

The commission activities will be arranged and carried out based on the linkages between land engineering and agricultural geography. In this process, collaborations will promote joint project applications and establishing research and experimental sites as well as doing the research work in different countries. Big data technology, GIS and mapping technologies will be used for experiments and analysis. All the commission activities are expected to contribute to the knowledge and understanding that how agriculture develops under different geographic conditions and how engineering work improves the agricultural conditions of different areal types.



CERTIFICATE

This letter certifies that a new International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission (C16.39) on *Agricultural Geography and Land Engineering* has been formally established under the direction, as chair, of Professor Yansui Liu of the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Associate Professor Yuheng Li of the same institute serves as the secretary-in-chief of the commission.

The commission's mission targets the improvement of agricultural conditions by way of land engineering, which helps to increase the land productivity and grain production in the world. It focuses on the role of land engineering in consolidating degraded and defiled land and in improving the agricultural conditions of different areal types.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Meadows'.

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