

## **“Managing natural resources for sustainable production systems: A research agenda at the crossroads”**

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Dr. Scherr is an agricultural and natural resource economist specializing in land management policy in tropical developing countries. She has been a prominent voice globally in promoting the restoration of degraded agricultural lands for food security and rural livelihoods, and is a leading innovator in integrated landscape management. She is an expert in the economics of sustainable agriculture and agroforestry and the design of payments to farmers and farming communities for ecosystem stewardship. She founded EcoAgriculture Partners in 2002, and in 2011 co-founded the global Landscapes for People, Food and Nature Initiative, which she now chairs.

She serves on the U.S. board of the international agricultural biodiversity research organization Bioversity International, on the advisory boards of Food Tank, the Platform for Agrobiodiversity Research, and the UN Agri-food Task Force, and on the board of U.S. non-profit Solutions from the Land. Dr. Scherr is widely published in the scientific and policy literature, and is a member of the scientific editorial boards of the journals *Agroforestry Systems*, *International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability*, and *Land Use Policy*. She has co-developed and led agricultural landscape leadership courses in Latin America and Africa, and taught for a decade in the prestigious Berkeley Environmental Leadership Program professional short course. From 2002 to 2005 she was a member of the Millennium Project Hunger Task Force. She previously served as Director of Ecosystem Services at Forest Trends, as a senior researcher at the International Food Policy Research Institute, and as a principal researcher and later on the Board of the World Agroforestry Centre.

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