

International Tropical Peatlands Center

Why peatlands matter for food security



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Background:

The edges of peatlands, often along rivers, have a long history of human settlement. Peatlands are a challenging place to live, but provide a range of products and income sources. As awareness rises about peatlands' carbon-sequestration abilities, it's important both to protect them from degradation, and ensure that local communities have viable options for livelihoods and food security.

The 90-minute peatlands session at the GLF Digital Conference will provide a platform for exchanging knowledge and experience the importance of peatlands for food security, provide positive examples of transformations in livelihoods in peatland landscapes and provide recommendations and actions so that peatland deforestation and degradation do not feature in future scenarios.



Panelist

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