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In July 2016, the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations FAO](#) presented in the *2016 State of the World's Forests: forest and agriculture: land use, challenges and opportunities*.

State of the World's Forests (SOFO) 2016 shows that it is possible to increase agricultural productivity and food security while halting or even reversing deforestation, highlighting the successful efforts of Costa Rica, Chile, the Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Tunisia and Viet Nam. Integrated land-use planning is the key to balancing land uses, underpinned by the right policy instruments to promote both sustainable forests and agriculture.

Presenting the Report, the FAO General Director underlines that...*the 2030 Agenda recognizes that we can no longer look at food, livelihoods and the management of natural resources separately. It calls for a coherent and integrated approach to sustainability across all agricultural sectors and food systems. This report explores the challenges and opportunities represented by the complex interrelationship between forests, agriculture and sustainable development. It demonstrates that the sustainable management of both forests and agriculture, and their integration in land-use plans, is essential for achieving the SDGs, ensuring food security and tackling climate change.*

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