From 22 to 24 January 2018 the International Conference Living Territories for Sustainable Development will take place in Montpellier, France.

The Conference is being organized by CIRAD (French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development) in partnership with AFD, CGIAR System Organization, Institutions and Universities, with the support from the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Following the belief that there won’t be peace nor prosperity, including in the urban world, without living and flourishing rural communities, the Conference will showcase the importance of rural territories to the achievement of SDGs. The Conference will also set the scene of a shared agenda for research and action.

The following specific objectives are identified for the Conference:

- To highlight new methods and scientific knowledge on territorial approaches to rural development, specifically in the Global South.
- To showcase successful place-based innovations and projects including organisational and institutional reforms.
- To analyse and question the conditions of success for territorial development, especially within the context of the implementation of the SDGs.

The debates will focus the following themes: Innovations, coordination and regulations; Agri-chains and territorial development; Territorial development and globalization.

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