

# CHOOSING THE FUTURE THIRD WORLD MEETING ON TERRACED LANDSCAPES

From 6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016 the [Third World Meeting on Terraced Landscapes](#) *Choosing the Future* will take place in Venezia (Italy). Terraced landscapes are all over the world. They are the tangible evidence of how human life can express itself in the steepest slopes of mountain and coastal areas of the world.

The Meeting will provide a powerful impetus for international efforts to protect and value terraced landscapes. Despite the multi-disciplinary values that terraced landscapes represent throughout the world were scarcely appreciated in the past decades, indeed the interest in their wise management and broader understanding has been constantly growing since the end of the past century.

Some of the terraced landscapes have been recognized at international level for their importance: terraces of Ifugao in Philippines, Yuanyang terraces in Yunnan (China), Bali in Indonesia, the Italian Cinque Terre and Costiera Amalfitana included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. However, many other terraced landscapes in the world are abandoned or facing the same risks of collapse or destructive urbanization, loss of their precious intangible knowledge and soul heritage.

The First International Conference on Terraced Landscapes was held in the People's Republic of China in November 2010. The Second International Conference on Terraced Landscapes was held in Cusco, in the Andes of Peru in May 2014. During this Conference the participants formed and signed the birth of the independent movement named the *International Terraced Landscapes Alliance ITLA*. More than 200 professionals and activists are affiliated with ITLA from 20 countries.

Caring for terraced landscapes means that these landscapes can meet different needs such as cultural and historical value, environmental and hydrogeological functions, quality of life, community empowerment and sustainable development. The guardians of the terraced landscapes and their biodiversity, the cultural and natural diversity are treasures for the present and future of humankind.

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