



Economics of Land Degradation and Improvement - A Global Assessment for Sustainable Development: 2016

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Springer International Publishing AG. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Economics of Land Degradation and Improvement - A Global Assessment for Sustainable Development: 2016, Ephraim Nkonya, Alisher Mirzabaev, Joachim Braun, This volume deals with land degradation, which is occurring in almost all terrestrial biomes and agro-ecologies, in both low and high income countries and is stretching to about 30% of the total global land area. About three billion people reside in these degraded lands. However, the impact of land degradation is especially severe on livelihoods of the poor who heavily depend on natural resources. The annual global cost of land degradation due to land use and cover change (LUCC) and lower cropland and rangeland productivity is estimated to be about 300 billion USD. Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) accounts for the largest share (22%) of the total global cost of land degradation. Only about 38% of the cost of land degradation due to LUCC - which accounts for 78% of the US\$300 billion loss - is borne by land users and the remaining share (62%) is borne by consumers of ecosystem services off the farm. The results in this volume indicate that reversing land degradation trends makes both economic sense, and has...



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