

## **IAMO Forum 2022**

### **Enhancing resilience in a post-pandemic era: challenges and opportunities for rural development**

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The Corona pandemic has affected rural areas in various ways all over the world. Its impacts stretched to agricultural trade, international mobility, livelihoods in rural areas and many other development aspects. Although agricultural production and food consumption remained on a rather stable path from a macroeconomic point of view, many effects at the level of rural households are still unknown and especially poorer countries may be faced with setbacks in their (rural) development efforts. How, for instance, will the drop in aggregate remittance flows spark off as a driver of poverty at the individual and community level? Are there long-lasting effects of personal illness on agricultural production or government's containment measures at food supply chains to be expected? Which farms and rural areas are more resilient than others? Recent conceptualisations of resilience stress the adaptability of farms and households which will determine their resistance to future shocks. Often attention from policy and research dissipates quickly after acute events passed. However, when looking at the effects of this pandemic we should consider what are the long-term lessons from earlier crises such as the 2008 financial crisis, e.g., for remittance dependent households? Did at least some of them adapt and developed new livelihood strategies? How did agricultural trade flows adjust to shocks and do food import dependent countries with a more diversified trade structure enjoy a better food and nutrition security?

The IAMO Forum 2022 invites contributions shedding light on these or related questions which will help extending our knowledge of the complex nexus between crises, resilience and agricultural and rural development. Perspectives from different social sciences, including agricultural and development economics, political sciences, sociology, anthropology and history, are welcome. In particular, we encourage submissions of papers addressing the following issues with a regional focus on Europe, Central Asia and China:

- Effects of the pandemic and earlier crises on agricultural and rural development as well as food and nutrition security
- Evaluation of public containment and stimulating policies from an agricultural and rural development perspective
- Crises and institutional change
- Risk mitigation strategies of rural households
- Gender-differentiated effects of crises
- Crisis perceptions and responses from a behavioural economics point of view

- Resilient livelihood strategies: the role of remittances, non-farm diversification and new forms of cooperation
- Evaluation methods to assess the effects of the pandemic across different rural development indicators

### Call for Extended Abstracts

We request the contribution of extended abstracts with up to 1,000 words (excluding bibliography) in strict compliance with the provided formatting guidelines. The abstracts should include a concise summary of the significance, major research questions, data and methods, and findings. All contributed extended abstracts will go through peer review. Accepted abstracts will be considered for oral presentations only and published on the conference website.

### Call for Organized Sessions

We welcome proposals for organized sessions that match the theme of the IAMO Forum 2022. Session proposals should include the title of the proposed session and an abstract of up to 1,000 words (excluding bibliography) that concisely and clearly describes the relevance of the session to the meeting theme and states a list of potential speakers.

### Important dates for all submissions:

Submission deadline: **6 February 2022**

Notification of acceptance: **25 March 2022**

Submission of abstracts and session proposals will open soon at [www.conftool.org/iamo2022](http://www.conftool.org/iamo2022).

IAMO Forum 2022 will take place as a physical conference with the 3G regulation (vaccinated, recovered or negatively tested). In the case of travel restrictions to Germany, virtual presentation will be possible. A final confirmation of the format will be communicated together with the notification of acceptance. The conference language will be English.

More information on the conference will soon be available at [www.iamo.de/forum/2022](http://www.iamo.de/forum/2022).

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