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Editorial

Dear Readers...

The world is facing myriads of challenges brought about by the continuous population growth, food insecurity, natural resources degradation, climate change, and recently, the instability and uncertainty of the world market for fuel. The likelihood of addressing these problems is increased if the youth is empowered to become real catalysts of change. Promoting sustainable agriculture to the youth through formal or informal education will help fortify their capacity as productive partners of agricultural development, especially in the future. Youth's contributions to sustainable development are important "to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Sustainable agriculture plays an important role in our society and our economy as well as our environment. If sustainable agriculture is followed and practiced, sustainable development can be more easily achieved. This can then lead to a better society, making our world a much better place to live.

One good thing about young people is, that they are able to rapidly adapt to changing needs the future involves. Youth can serve as an important focus group for rural development projects, especially in areas where the level of social capital is low and when institutional quality is poor. The youth of today must be informed and well versed in the benefits of sustainable agriculture so that they can initiate the changes that need to occur to reach the goal of sustainability; whether that means changing the products one buys or the way in which pesticides are used on the family farm. This concept shall address the obstacles associated with the informational scarcity concerning sustainability and will explore the possibilities of a youth that would fuel through their actions, a global agricultural economy and community that values not only the resources of today, but the promise of tomorrow.

Naturally yours

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