

Preface

The proceedings include welcoming and opening addresses which provide introductory remarks on the research focus at Holetta Agricultural Research Center of the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research, major natural resources management challenges and further research and development needs. These introductory remarks are followed by papers on the themes of the workshop "The status of natural resources in the highlands", on which there are six papers presented. On the second theme "Woody and herbaceous biomass as fodder and organic fertiliser sources" there are five papers presented, and on the theme "Tenure and technology dissemination" there are two papers. At the end, the outcomes from a group discussion on how to broaden the plantation and utilisation scheme of indigenous fodder and soil improving tree species are presented.

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