

China Sets Good Examples for Sustainable Agriculture

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Colin Chartres, Director General of [International Water Management Institute](#) who received the Stockholm Water Prize from the hands of the Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf on behalf of [IWM](#), said that China in many ways is well advanced in terms of agricultural technology.

[IWM](#) used to work with a number of Chinese agencies including Huanghe Commission and often took China as an example showing how things have been changed.

"One of the very good examples is the way China has reduced erosion in the Yellow River Catchment, everyone is benefiting with less erosion and less crops on the Loess Plateau part of China."

Chartres explained that China implemented a large program of vegetation and stabilization of very erodible soil.

Statistics show that during the revegetation process, almost every Chinese planted a tree every year over the past ten years.

"A lot of tree planting helps protect from winds and also improved the soils components."

He said that soil conservation helps water conservation and provides conditions for sustainable agriculture.

Chartres also commended the action of cleaning up dirty water and reusing and recycling that water. That is obvious progress around Beijing and other big cities in China.

As for advice for development in developing countries, Chartres said that it is really important in developing countries that there should be a coalition of support from government, from the private sector, from the non-governmental organizations and from farmers, in that way, good change can be achieved on the ground.

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