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*Abstract Session 3.3 – If Agroforestry is good enough, then why is it not being truly implemented? A review of institutional and policy research in agroforestry for the Southern African region.*

Agroforestry as a concept has evolved from the initial goal of contributing only to food production, into an approach saddled with diverse expectations. This is particularly a consequence of reframing the concept as an important development agenda. Nowadays, AF is linked with the potential to address several pressing land management problems, contribute to food security, generate diversified income for rural households; as well as enriching biodiversity and other ecosystem services. Despite these potentials and narratives of agroforestry, in southern Africa, the results of implementing agroforestry have been underwhelming as very few people are adopting the available innovations. Different studies assert that successful implementation will not only depend on the available agroforestry innovations but also on how the concept is institutionalised in national and local contexts. This study examines this notion and questions how research focused in the Southern African region has conferred institutional issues of AF. In particular, we examine the status of institutionalisation aspects in AF research. We also highlight the salient institutional and policy issues which research considers as critical in influencing the adoption and scaling up of agroforestry. Results show that whilst scientists and practitioners laude the concept and attach substantial potential to it; the policy and institutional dimensions of agroforestry remain murky. Policy and institutional dimensions of agroforestry are neither prominent in research nor is there evidence of a scientific interest aimed at the development of coherent theoretical frameworks. We advocate for a shift towards a more policy and institutional oriented research process.