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## WHAT CAN GOA LEARN FROM THE EFFORTS OF INDIGENOUS FARMERS TO NURTURE AGRO-BIODIVERSITY IN LAOS? (S.E. Asia)

By Andrea Rodericks

The northern uplands in Laos have long been recognized for their rich agro-biodiversity. Home to globally important species of animals, plants, and micro-organisms, this agro-biodiversity is the legacy of indigenous farmers' agricultural knowledge and practices passed down over generations. However, government policy and pressure to modernize challenged farmers to change some of their practices. How did farmers in the region navigate this transition? And, what can we learn from their journey? This presentation is based on the most recently published book by the speaker, entitled: "*Living Landscapes: Embracing agro-biodiversity in Northern Laos.*" (Which may be downloaded [here.](#))

Drawing on the stories of farmers from northern Laos and the principles she observed in her interactions with them, the speaker will reflect on the relevance these principles may have for the current challenges we face in many parts of the world, including Goa. Through the course of her presentation, she will also reflect on her writing process and various choices she made in telling the story of indigenous farmers and their vision of the future.

Over the past three decades working on development challenges and opportunities around the world, **Andrea Rodericks** has been increasingly drawn to exploring the complexity of these issues and the behavioral, social, political, and institutional forces that shape them. She currently works independently with various development organizations and social movements. She enjoys applying principles from the natural world in her work and play.

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