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Extreme Climate, Soil and Water Conservation, and Sustainable Development in Semiarid Regions





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Brief Introduction of the Session:

Arid and semi-arid regions occupy 41 % of global land areas, supporting approximately 1/3 of the global population and producing 45 % of food production. Due to limited rainfall and increasing human impacts, the eco-environment of the arid and semiarid regions is very fragile. During the past decades, people have utilized a series of eco- and geo-engineering measures to suppress natural disasters, conserve soil and water and improve sustainable development in the area. However, extreme climatic events in the arid and semiarid regions become more and more frequent in recent years, e. g. heavy rainfall, drought. These climatic extremes have not only imposed a huge negative impact on the regional ecosystem, but also result in the failure of the eco- and geo-engineering measures that applied in the area. Currently, these negative impacts have threatened the eco-environmental sustainability of the arid and semiarid regions, especially the loess-covered semiarid areas. Over the past, engineering geologists mainly focus on geological disasters, like landslides, land subsidence, debris flow, ground fracture et al. As global society begins to pay more attention to eco-environmental sustainability and emphasize the harmonious coexistence between human and nature, a new cross-discipline, ecological engineering geology and environmental protection has emerged and rapidly developed in recent years. This new cross-discipline requires engineering geologists, ecologists and environmental scientists work together to deal with the issues of engineering, ecological and environmental problems. This issue is crucially important for the ecological engineering geology and environmental protection research under the background of global change in the future. The motivation of this session is to organize cross-disciplinary scientists to share their knowledge, idea and advancement of research and built a collaboration bridge to push the research of extreme climate, soil and water conservation and sustainable development in the arid and semiarid regions around the world. This topic will discuss the following issues, but not limited to:

- Extreme rainfall, soil and water loss and land degradation in semiarid regions
- Extreme drought and agriculture sustainability in semiarid regions
- Risks of soil and water conservation measures under the impacts of extreme climate
- Sustainable ecological and geological measures for soil and water conservation
- Ecosystem and agriculture resilience and sustainability under global change
- · Sustainable relationships between climate, human, agriculture and ecosystem



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