

## Comment Form 【Program 2】

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<b>Title of the Program</b>	<b>Fair Use and Management of Diverse Resources</b>
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<p><b>Program comments summaries of the EREC:</b></p> <p>The Committee was pleased to note how Program 2 has been taking on more concrete shape, based on the solid foundation of accumulated RIHN research findings. The development of a database on sustainable resource use was welcomed and it was suggested that its development would need to take into account similar efforts ongoing internationally.</p> <p>The members of the Committee felt overwhelmingly that the theoretical framework, the concepts and related metrics used, and the ultimate goals of the Program need to be further developed. It may be challenging to define the concepts tightly beforehand and it will be necessary to recognize their multiple meanings and highlight how they are used by the different projects.</p> <p>The predominant position accorded to the concept of fairness was widely appreciated. It provides a direct link with the SDGs framework. As it is, however, its meaning is still rather vague and the ongoing projects were not developed with “fairness” in mind. The difference between “fairness” and “equity” should be recognized. Greater conceptual clarity around “fairness” will help anchor the projects more firmly within the Program. What kind of indicators of fairness could the projects use to give direction to their work? How is this concept used by other researchers internationally and how can the Program link up with such work? How can the research address the structural sources and drivers of unfairness inherent in the globalized economic system? How does fairness play out across generations? (This may be a possible link with Program 3.)</p> <p>Similarly, the notion of (diverse) resources awaits further elaboration. Rather than viewing resources as objectively existing “things,” in terms of the conceptual framing of the Program, they should be treated as theoretical constructs. Would it be possible and useful to include human resources, information, trust, etc. as well?</p>	