



OPENING DAY: Monday 10 October, 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Changwon Exhibition Conference Centre, Outdoor Exhibition Area (3F)

Morning Session: *Cities in the Context of the Rio Conventions*

Organized by: ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

Facilitators: Shela Patrickson, Cities Biodiversity Centre, ICLEI; Sergio Zelaya, Policy for Advocacy on Global Issues and Platforms, UNCCD Secretariat

10h00 – 13h00 *Securing Ecosystem Services for Cities in the Context of Change*

Fundamental issues involving ecosystem services at the local level, such as water, will be outlined in this session from a local government perspective. Tools and resources that can assist local governments in simultaneously achieving the objectives of the three Rio Conventions will be discussed, including the recently launched *TEEB Manuel for Cities: Ecosystem services for urban management*, and the *ICLEI Local Action for Biodiversity Guidebook: Biodiversity Management for Local Governments*.

Presentations in this session include:

- Securing water and wetlands for cities in the context of change
- Urban ecosystem-based adaptation: securing ecosystems for climate change
- Local Government panel and discussion, highlighting case studies from Korea

11h15 – 11h45 *Health and Networking Break*



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Afternoon Session: *Sustainable Land Management*

Organized by: FAO

Facilitators: Facilitators: Dominique Lantieri and Sally Bunning

14h30 – 16h30 *LADA-WOCAT Tools for Monitoring and Assessment*

The World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies - WOCAT is a partnership with a common strategy and objectives for Sustainable Land Management. The WOCAT/FAO partnership has enabled the integration of WOCAT knowledge and experiences into the FAO-led Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands project (LADA) that is supported by GEF and UNEP as an important contribution to the UN Convention on Desertification (UNCCD). LADA is a global project, collaborating with Argentina, Cuba, China, Tunisia, Senegal and South Africa and other technical partners, in the development of standard methods and tools for assessing and monitoring Land Degradation (and improvement). The assessment of LD/SLM is an important basis for planning and decision making in the field of land management and territorial development from national to local levels. The tools and methods are applicable not only in drylands but in the range of ecosystems worldwide.

16h30 – 17h30 *Session Facilitators: Wrap-up, Interviews, & Confirmation of Key Messages*



Tuesday 11 October, 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Changwon Exhibition Conference Centre, Outdoor Exhibition Area (3F)

THEME: *Sustainable Forest Management and REDD-plus: Contributing to the Implementation of the Rio Conventions through Avoided Deforestation*

Organized by: Global Environment Facility (GEF) Secretariat

Facilitators: Ulrich Apel and Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, GEF Secretariat

Morning Session

10h00 – 12h30 *Opportunities and Challenges of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)*

This session will focus on the GEF SFM/REDD-plus incentive program, including highlights of projects and programs from different regions. The following topics will be presented:

- Introduction to SFM with panellists
- Overview of SFM activities over the last two decades
- Programmatic approach example (Congo Basin)
- GEF SFM/REDD-plus strategy

12h30 – 13h00 *Health and Networking Break*

Afternoon Session

13h00 – 17h30 *SFM/REDD-plus and Livelihoods in Drylands Session 1*

This afternoon session will highlight important challenges and opportunities for SFM. Topics discussed in this session include:

- Linkages between SFM/REDD-plus and biodiversity
- Indigenous peoples and their involvement into the SFM process
- Financing mechanisms

Lunch will be provided for participants.

15h00 – 15h30 *Health and Networking Break*

17h30 – 18h15 *Session Facilitators: Wrap-up, Interviews, & Confirmation of Key Messages*



Wednesday 12 October, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Changwon Exhibition Conference Centre, Outdoor Exhibition Area (3F)

THEME: Ecosystem-based Approaches to Climate Change: Addressing Adaptation and Mitigation

Organized by: IUCN WCPA and IUCN Drylands
Facilitator: Kathy McKinnon

Morning Session

10h00 – 13h00 *Dryland Protected Areas: Ecosystem-based approaches to Climate Change*

Food security, water stress, land degradation and biodiversity loss will become some of the greatest environmental issues in the next decades, exacerbated by climate change and rising pressure on land and natural resources. Protected areas cover only 12.9% of terrestrial areas but many occur in dry land and desert areas, maintaining biodiversity but also providing goods and services which provide social and economic benefits, especially to poor and vulnerable communities. This session will focus on the key roles that protected areas in dry land ecosystems can play in promoting more sustainable land management and as “natural solutions” helping people cope with climate change. Presentations will include an overview of protected areas as part of land management strategies in dry land landscapes, as well as country case studies that illustrate the role of protected areas in combating desertification, maintaining essential water services and contributing to food security, disaster reduction and carbon sequestration.

11h15 – 11h30 *Health and Networking Break*



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THEME: Ecosystem-based Approaches to Climate Change: Addressing Adaptation and Mitigation

Organized by: The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD
Facilitators: Elsie Attafuah and Simone Quatrini

Afternoon Session

14h00 – 18h00 *Integrated Economic Assessment of Land Resources and Ecosystem Services*

The scientific community is particularly engaged in the development of integrated approaches to assess the impact of interventions both at the micro and macro level. Inherent to this work is the development of indicators, methodologies and techniques to evaluate the costs and benefits of investing in sustainable land management (SLM). This is the bedrock on which to generate evidence-based arguments to demonstrate the contribution of responsibly managed ecosystems to global prosperity, sustainable development and poverty reduction, and develop arguments to inform and sensitize decision makers at all levels. The session will show how to build an understanding of the economic value of land resources and the economic rationale for measures to combat land degradation and will discuss how to link this understanding to key policies for sustainable development. Case studies from different parts of the world and the experience of policy makers will be brought together to show how and why this should be a central pillar of any approach to sustainable land management and the management of fragile ecosystems in different environments.

15h45 – 16h00 *Health and Networking Break*

18h00 – 18h45 *Session Facilitators: Wrap-up, Interviews, & Confirmation of Key Messages*



Thursday 13 October, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Changwon Exhibition Conference Centre, Outdoor Exhibition Area (3F)

THEME: Sustainable Land and Water Management

Morning Session

10h00 – 12h00 *The PRC-GEF Partnership on Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems: Experiences, Lessons and Opportunities for Innovation*

Organized by: The ADB and State Forestry Administration of China
Facilitators: Frank Radstake and Liu Yong

The People's Republic of China (PRC) suffers from some of the world's worst land degradation problems, with more than 40% of its land area adversely affected and millions of livelihoods threatened. To respond to this challenge, the PRC-GEF Land Degradation Partnership was established in 2002 with the assistance of ADB, GEF and other partners. Interventions include improving the legal and regulatory frameworks for combating land degradation, formulating Integrated Ecosystem Management Strategies, strengthening institutional capacity for implementing IEM, and working with local communities to pilot on-the-ground implementation of sustainable land and water management to improve livelihoods.

Experiences from the program will be shared, along with opportunities to further scale up SLM, including through the development of innovative market-based mechanisms, and the application of best practices using the WOCAT methodology. The session will include short presentations from selected projects, and a discussion of emerging lessons and opportunities.

12h00 – 13h00 ***Health and Networking Break***



Thursday 13 October, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Changwon Exhibition Conference Centre, Outdoor Exhibition Area (3F)

THEME: Sustainable Land and Water Management

Afternoon Session

13h00 – 15h00 *Decision-support Tools for Monitoring and Assessment of Sustainable Land Management*

Organized by: FAO

Facilitators: Dominique Lantieri and Sally Bunning

15h00 – 15h15 ***Health and Networking Break***

15h15 – 17h15 *Central Asia Countries Initiative on Land Management (CACILM) – Achievements in Regional Integration of SL&WM*

Organized by: The GEF Secretariat with Participating Countries and Agencies

Facilitators: Ulrich Apel

CACILM is a strategic partnership between Central Asian countries and the international donor community, launched in 2006 to combat land degradation and improve rural livelihoods. This multi-country partnership is unique in terms of country drivenness, ownership and its clear link to UNCCD / NAP implementation. The session will be organized in form of a discussion round following a short presentation of the CACILM partnership platform and its achievements to date. Participants will present their perspective of the partnership platform to explore the approach from different angles. Positive achievements as well as shortcomings will be critically discussed. The discussion will result in lessons learned that may have relevance for other countries interested to form such partnership platforms to tackle NR resource management issues in a more strategic and programmatic way.

17h15 – 18h00 *Session Facilitators: Wrap-up, Interviews, & Confirmation of Key Messages*



Friday 14 October, 10 am – 7:30 pm

Changwon Exhibition Conference Centre, Outdoor Exhibition Area (3F)

THEME: Food Security and Combating Hunger Through Sustainable Land Management

Morning Session

10h00 – 12h45 *Sustainable Land Management and the Great Green Wall Initiative - Science and Policy Implications of a Regional-scale Vision*

Organized by: The GEF Secretariat with World Bank, Participating Countries, FAO, ICRAF, Africa Re-Greening Initiative
Facilitators: Mohamed Bakarr and Jean-Marc Sinnassamy

Science and policy implications of the Great Green Wall initiative will be discussed, especially in light of recent investments and emerging opportunities to upscale SLM practices by grassroots communities. The session will include a series of overarching presentations, followed by a facilitated discussion session. Presentations will cover emerging success stories in the Sahel (e.g. farmer-managed natural regeneration), ongoing initiatives such as the EU/FAO/AU Project, and the recently funded World Bank/GEF Sahel and West Africa Program in Support of the GGWI.

12h45 – 13h15 ***Health and Networking Break***



Friday 14 October, 10 am – 7:00 pm

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THEME: Food Security and Combating Hunger Through Sustainable Land Management

Afternoon Session

13h15 – 14h45 *Initiatives on Food Security for the Drylands: A Presentation and Panel Discussion featuring the UN Special Rapporteur on Food Security*

Organized by: The UNCCD Secretariat in partnership with the Government of France and participating countries

14h45 – 15h00 ***Health and Networking Break***

15h00 – 17h45 *Strategic Investment Program for SLM in Sub-Saharan Africa (SIP/ TerrAfrica) - Progress and Achievements*

Organized by: the GEF Secretariat with World Bank and NEPAD Agency of the African Union

Facilitators: Mohamed Bakarr and Jean-Marc Sinnassamy

With 37 separate projects covering 24 countries and several agroecosystems, the SIP/TerrAfrica portfolio presents a unique opportunity to harness the TerrAfrica Partnership Platform for advancing SLM across the continent. As implementation of the different projects get underway, this session will examine emerging lessons and progress at portfolio level based on the core pillars of TerrAfrica – Coalition Building, Knowledge Management, Capacity Development. The session will include an overview presentation on the SIP portfolio and the NEPAD Agency of the Africa Union institutional framework for SLM. These will be followed by short presentations from selected projects that are well advanced with implementation, and a general discussion of emerging lessons.

18h00 – 19h00 *Session Facilitators: Wrap-up, Interviews, & Confirmation of Key Messages*



Monday 17 October, 10 am – 7:30 pm

Changwon Exhibition Conference Centre, Outdoor Exhibition Area (3F)

THEME: Gender and the Rio Conventions

Organized by: IUCN, UNCCD and CBD

Morning Session

- 10h00 – 11h30 *The UNCCD Advocacy Policy Framework on Gender*
Facilitator: Sergio Zelaya, UNCCD
- 11h30 – 11h45 ***Health and Networking Break***
- 11h45 – 13h00 *The CBD COP10 outcomes on gender; The Cancun agreements and gender mainstreaming*
Facilitator: Marie Khan, CBD

Afternoon Session

- 13h15 – 14h45 *The Rio Conventions Coordination on Gender*
- 15h00 – 16h30 *Rio+20 and Gender Issues*
- 16h30 – 17h00 *Session Facilitators: Wrap-up, Interviews, & Confirmation of Key Messages*

Evening Session

- 18h00 – 19h00 *Cocktail Reception*
Hosted by IUCN



Tuesday 18 October, 10 am – 7:30 pm

Changwon Exhibition Conference Centre, Outdoor Exhibition Area (3F)

THEME: **Engaging indigenous peoples and local communities in sustainable land management**

Morning Session

10h00 – 11h15 *The Man who Stopped the Desert: film viewing and discussion with Yacouba Sawadogo and film director Mark Dodd on community-based innovative SLM practice*

Organized by: UNCCD

“The Man who Stopped the Desert”, is an award winning documentary film about Yacouba Sawadogo, a small-holder farmer in Burkina Faso who revived a traditional agricultural technique to restore barren land. The beautifully shot film, showing that one man’s conviction can benefit many thousands living in the Sahel region of Africa, will leave you moved and inspired. This session screens the film, followed by an interactive panel discussion with audience. The panellists include Yacouba Sawadogo, the film director Mark Dodd and Chris Reij, facilitator of the African Re-greening Initiatives.

The film is shown with Korean subtitles

11h15 – 11h30 ***Health and Networking Break***

11h30 – 13h00 *Panel Discussion on the Middle East and North Africa Desert Ecosystems and Livelihood Program (MENA-DELP)*

Organized by: World Bank (MENA Region) with GEF Secretariat
Facilitators: Viviane Wei Chen Clement and Mohamed Bakarr

The MENA-DELP is a new regional initiative, in partnership with the GEF and World Bank, aiming to sustain the capacity of desert ecosystems to provide goods, services and livelihoods. In the MENA region, home to two of the world’s largest deserts, the Sahara and Arabian Deserts, this takes on particular significance. The proposed session will discuss the objectives, opportunities and innovations of this new Program. The session will include remarks from Program partners and an overarching presentation on the MENA-DELP, followed by a discussion facilitated by high-level panellists from participating countries, the GEF, and the World Bank.

Lunch will be provided for participants following session.



Tuesday 18 October, 10 am – 7:30 pm

Changwon Exhibition Conference Centre, Outdoor Exhibition Area (3F)

THEME: Engaging indigenous peoples and local communities in sustainable land management

Afternoon Session

13h15 – 14h45 *Synergy for sustainability: celebrating two decades for the planet: A high-level luncheon discussion*

**Special venue:
Amoris Hall (B),
Pullman Hotel*

Panel Discussion followed by Luncheon for the Ministers (by invitation)
Hosted by: The Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea

By invitation only.

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2010-2020 the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (UNDDD) to raise awareness about desertification land degradation and drought.. In the same year, the United Nations declared 2011-2020 as the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (UNDB). This event is an opportunity to demonstrate, through the participation of high-level speakers, the importance of both decades to sustainable development processes. By holding a commemorative activity for both decades, the opportunity for synergy as a result of coordinated action will also be demonstrated. Taking place at the early years for both decades, the event is part of the process of building momentum towards implementation of the two strategic plans. The event will be followed by a private launch of the 'The Forgotten Billion' Publication by UNDP and UNCCD (see description below).

15h15 – 16h00 *Public Launch of 'The Forgotten Billion' Publication at the Ecosystems Pavilion*

Organized by: UNDP and UNCCD

'The Forgotten Billion: MDG Achievement in the Drylands' is a joint UNCCD-UNDP report on the status of MDG achievement in the drylands. This event will be the formal launch of the full report. The report highlights the development challenges faced by people who live in drylands and outlines how these challenges can be tackled successfully and by doing so, help to achieve the MDGs. It concludes with a set of recommendations for the international community to consider as it moves towards the 2015 deadline for achieving the MDGs.

16h00 – 17h00 ***Health and Networking Break***

17h00 – 18h00 *Session Facilitators: Wrap-up, Interviews, Confirmation of Key Messages*



Tuesday 18 October, 10 am – 7:30 pm

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THEME: Engaging indigenous peoples and local communities in sustainable land management

Evening Session

18h00 – 19h30 *Launch of the GEF-UNCCD Publication “Land for Life: Securing our Common Future”, followed by reception*

Organized by: The GEF and UNCCD Secretariats, Korea Forest Service and GoodPlanet Foundation

Sustainable land management holds great promise on many levels; yet institutional, knowledge, and policy barriers in many countries prevent its adoption. Knowing the costs and benefits of interventions, for example, enables land users to understand and manage tradeoffs in ecosystem services. Access to knowledge, however, depends on appropriate institutional frameworks at multiple scales, including practical tools that accommodate the needs of all land users. Application of SLM also depends on appropriate policies such as those related to land tenure, rights, and governance. The GEF-UNCCD publication sheds light on SLM experiences from around the world, including efforts by grassroots communities to overcome barriers and deliver measurable global environment and development benefits. The book is a joint effort of the GEF and UNCCD Secretariats, with high quality photographs contributed by the GoodPlanet Foundation of World Famous Photographer, Yann-Arthus Bertrand. It will be published with the generous support of the Korean Government through the Korean Forest Service.

Light refreshments will be served.



Wednesday 19 October, 10 am – 7:30 pm

Changwon Exhibition Conference Centre, Outdoor Exhibition Area (3F)

THEME: *Poverty Reduction and the Rio Conventions*

Morning Session

10h00 – 13h00 *A World Café Conversation on Integrating Sustainable Land Management into Climate Change Financing: Challenges and Opportunities*

Organized by: The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD
Facilitator: Elsie Attafuah

This “world cafe + talk show” aims to outline the following key topics: (1) impact of climate change on SLM and vice versa; b) Contribution of SLM to climate change adaptation and mitigation with focus on ENR, energy, agriculture, trade, water, tourism and mining sector; c) mainstreaming SLM into climate change financing instrument; d) emerging opportunities and new direction on SLM and Climate Change adaptation and mitigation. Planned outcomes include: a) Increased advocacy on need to integrate SLM into climate change adaptation and mitigation, b) increased knowledge sharing on experiences, c) opportunities and new directions on integrating SLM into Climate Change Financing Instruments; d) publications, e) initiatives



Wednesday 19 October, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

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THEME: *Poverty Reduction and the Rio Conventions*

Afternoon Session

13h15 – 15h00 *Tools for Modeling, Measuring and Monitoring Carbon Benefits in GEF Projects*

Organized by: UNEP (with Executing Partners)

Facilitators: Mohamed Sessay and Gemma Sheperd, UNEP

Approximately 30% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions come from land use and land use change. Sustainable land management (SLM) interventions have the potential to not only reduce GHG emissions but also to sequester carbon and therefore provide global environmental benefits. There is a need for scientifically rigorous, cost-effective and standardized tools to quantify carbon benefits in GEF and other SLM projects. In this session, the tools developed by the UNEP/GEF Carbon Benefits Project for establishing carbon benefits of sustainable land management interventions in terms of protected or enhanced carbon stocks and reduced greenhouse-gas emissions will be presented. The online toolset, which is hosted by UNEP, is applicable to all projects involving interventions in natural resources management, such as forestry, agroforestry, agriculture and pasture management in all climate zones, soils types and land uses. Users can select from a suite of modeling and measurement tools and generate a standardized report of carbon benefits.

15h00 – 16h30 *A Programmatic Approach to Building Capacities for Sustainable Land Management in LDC and SIDS: Impacts and Lessons*

Organized by: UNDP

Facilitator: Veronica Muthui

Land degradation is an ecological problem that manifests itself not only at national and local levels by affecting the economic and social wellbeing of people, but also at a global level by undermining the integrity, functions and services of various ecosystems. Least Developed Countries, especially Small Island Developing states are particularly vulnerable. Through presentations of regional synthesis by six countries from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and the Pacific, this session will showcase the results of the UNDP-GEF Global Programme on Mainstreaming of Sustainable Land Management (SLM) for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

16h30 – 17h00 ***Health and Networking Break***

17h00 – 17h45 *Session Facilitators: Wrap-up, Interviews, & Confirmation of Key Messages*



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Evening Session

18h00 – 20h00 *“Healthy Planet, Healthy People: Mainstreaming biodiversity for development, poverty eradication, health and gender equity” – Workshop followed by catered reception for participants*

Organized by: CBD

Facilitator: Marie Khan, CBD

Biological diversity underpins the global economy and the wellbeing of society. The complex financial systems obscure the fact that all such human systems remain subsystems in the Earth’s broader ecosystem. The poor, who depend disproportionately on biodiversity for their subsistence needs, suffer first and most severely from its degradation. Recognition of the link between ecosystem services and the fate of poor people implies that biodiversity should be a priority in national and international efforts to address poverty reduction. Just as the impact of biodiversity loss is disproportionately felt by poorer communities, there are also disparities along gender lines. The Millennium Development Goals emphasize clear linkages between gender equality, poverty alleviation, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. Such insights need to be included into our approach to reversing biodiversity loss, reducing poverty and improving human wellbeing and equity.

A catered reception for workshop participants will follow.



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THEME: Feature on Korea - Sustainable Regional Development and Managing for Natural Disasters

Morning Session

11h45 – 13h00 *Sustainable Regional Development: A Model of Sustainable Land Management*

Organized by: Green Asia Network

This event will introduce the newly-defined concept of sustainable regional development as a desirable model of sustainable land management, and present the relevant case which has been being practiced in Mongolia and Korea. The objectives of this session are to provide a platform to discuss more effective implementation of SLM, and to move towards generating global benefits through effective implementation of the UNCCD 10-year strategic plan by increasing the awareness of sustainable regional development. Participants will be introduced to relevant case studies and models of SLM.

Afternoon Session

13h15 – 14h45 *Managing for Natural Disasters: The land degradation caused by natural disasters such as forest fires and forest soil sediment disasters*

Organized by Korea Forest Research Institute
Facilitators: Dr Ho-Joong Youn and Dr Kyosang Koo

The thematic focus of this side event is current trends in natural disasters, especially disasters in forest such as forest fires and forest soil sediment disasters. Through presentations, discussions, photo displays and videos, we will explore the topics of forest fires and forest soil sediment disasters caused by global climate change, the current extent of damage and countermeasures in every country, and the deterioration of soil quality caused by natural disasters. Research and policy for forest natural disasters in the Republic of Korea will also be discussed. The expected outcomes of this session are the development of practical management guidelines for land degradation caused by global natural disasters.

14h45 – 15h00 *Health and Networking Break*



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THEME: Synergies for the Implementation of the Rio Conventions

15h00 – 16h15 ***Rio Conventions Pavilion Closing Event***

- Closing Statement by UNCCD and Head of Korea Forest Research Institute
- All-Panel Discussion featuring Pavilion Program Facilitators on Key Messages, Outcomes, and Next Steps – towards Rio+20

16h15 – 16h30 ***Break and Preparation for Reception***

16h30 – 18h30 ***Closing Cocktail Reception and Mixer***

Hosted by Korea Forest Research Institute