

Landscapes Day – Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Sectors

Rio Conventions' Pavilion, UN Biodiversity Conference, Cancun, Mexico
Moon Palace Convention Center
Universal Building, Main Floor

- Co-organizers: FAO, Institute for Biodiversity, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research
- Contributing organizers: Mexican and German Government
- Focal points: Catalina Santamaria, CBD Secretariat, and FAO
- Communication: All co-organizing members will be invited to broadcast the event on their twitter streams, blogs and other communication channels. The results will be summarized in a report by ENB and published online partners' website.

Description

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC, the Land Degradation Neutrality Goal under the UNCCD, and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 under the CBD provide policy frameworks for action to advance on agreed global commitments. Therefore, implementation has been the key focus of the Rio Convention processes, with a view to supporting integrated and consistent approaches that can lead to win-win sustainable development outcomes.

Meeting the world's increasing demand for food and other land-based products will require highly productive landscapes under sustainable management. Developments in forestry, aquaculture and agriculture largely shape the status of biodiversity and these sectors compete for land use.

In this context, holistic planning and a common a vision of the intersectoral synergies are fundamental to increase productivity through the implementation of more sustainable policies and practices. A holistic vision of sustainability must look beyond the trade-offs: it must explore opportunities for creating synergies and minimizing competition between sectors. Spatial planning and cross-sectoral strategies can promote integrated landscape and seascape approaches to not only solve cross-sectoral issues, but also can balance sustainable production with the interests of indigenous peoples and local communities, smallholders and other stakeholders.

Declines in biodiversity in soils and landscapes are already undermining sectors activities, most notably regarding soil fertility. The health, vitality and extent of biodiversity in soils and landscapes is essential to achieving sustainable increases in the production of food, improvements in its nutritional quality, assisting climate change mitigation and adaptation, and improved resilience.

The Landscapes Day aims to generate a better understanding of research finds underpinning inclusive policies to promote landscape connectivity and promote inter and intra-sectoral dialogues to support policy coherence across productive landscape. The 5th of December is also the World Soil Day, an opportunity to celebrate the importance of soil by raising awareness on their critical importance for healthy, productive and resilient landscapes.

OBJECTIVES

- Generate a better understanding of research finds underpinning inclusive policies to promote landscape connectivity.
- Discuss measures taken to enhance knowledge exchanges and inter and intra-sectoral dialogues to support policy coherence across a landscape of diverse concepts and interests.
- Improve our knowledge about the state and trend of our landscapes, connecting people with soils, as part of the celebration of World Soils Days, and raising awareness on their critical importance for healthy, productive and resilient landscapes.

Time	Presentations	Organization
12:30-14:00:	<p>Opening of the Pavilion – CBD Secretariat</p> <p>Opening LUNCH - Publication Launch: “Praxis oriented synthesis of place based research on sustainable land management in different regions”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key note: Overview of findings of 12 regional projects following the WOCAT methodology. Peter Moll, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research • Case studies from Brazil, the Philippines and China: Prof. Dr. Arne Cierjacks, Dr. Stefan Hotes, Manuel Krauss <p>Q&A</p>	<p>CBD</p> <p>German Government</p>
14:00-14:45	<p><u>Session 1: Policy coherence across a landscape of diverse concepts and interests - How international agendas are supporting new approaches</u></p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gustavo Fonseca, GEF <p>Discussion Topic: Voluntary Guidelines on Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eva Muller, FAO <p>Stakeholder Perspective: Analysis on an alignment of commitments to reduce habitat loss and promote ecosystem restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blaise Bodin <p>Q&A Facilitated by: Catalina Santamaria, CBD Secretariat</p>	<p>Rio Convention Secretariat, GEF</p> <p>GEF, FAO, CBD</p>

14:45-16:15	<p>Session 2: Quantifying the effects of agricultural intensification on productivity and biodiversity</p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of German Delegation (to be confirmed) <p>Keynote address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global funding measure on "Sustainable Land Management" – Key findings. Prof. Dr. Ralf Seppelt (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research) <p>Q&A Facilitated by: Dr. Axel Paulsch (Institute for Biodiversity)</p>	<p>Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research</p> <p>Institute for Biodiversity</p>
16:15-16:50	<p>Session 3: Celebration of the World Soil Day at COP13</p> <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Irene Hoffmann, FAO • Mr. Braulio Dias, Executive Secretary, CBD Secretariat • Mr. Humberto Delgado-Rosa, Director, Mainstreaming Adaptation & Low Carbon technology, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission • Mr. Hesiquio Benítez, director General de Cooperación Internacional e Implementación, CONABIO • Mr. Chencho Norbu, Secretary National Environment Commission, Royal Government of Bhutan 	FAO
16:50-17:50	<p>Session 3 continuation: Publication Launch “Soil & Pulses: Symbiosis for life”</p> <p>Display of the video “Soil & Pulses: symbiosis for life”</p> <p>Opening remarks by organizers</p> <p>Presentation of the book:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Soil & Pulses: symbiosis for life” by Mr. Chikelu Mba, FAO <p>Questions and Answers: how to promote sustainable soil management including the mainstreaming of soil biodiversity?</p>	FAO
17:50-18:00	<p>Wrap up of the event and invitation to the cocktail</p> <p>Cocktail offered by FAO to celebrate the World Soil Day</p>	FAO