

Thu 7 Sep	Journée de la Francophonie-Appui aux négociateurs francophones
10:00 – 12:00	<b>Atelier préparatoire des négociateurs Francophones: Présentation et distribution du Guide des Négociations</b>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Présentation de la Revue LEF dédiée à la désertification</b>
15:00 – 16:30	<b>Atelier-échanges sur l’opérationnalisation de la neutralité en matière de dégradation des terres</b>
16:30 – 18:10	<b>L’expérience du Niger: Mise en oeuvre de la Neutralité et lutte contre la désertification</b>
Fri 8 Sep	Gender Day-UN WOMEN, UNCCD and UNDP GC-RED
13:15 – 14:45	<p><b>Gender mainstreaming in the implementation of the Convention: “Echo event” and Dialogue with Gender and Technical Experts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing on the highlights and outcomes of the capacity-building workshop, held on 4-5 September 2017, on gender mainstreaming in the implementation of the UNCCD</li> <li>• Q &amp; A to clarify gender concepts and interlinkages with the implementation of the UNCCD and to identify entry points for gender mainstreaming in the work streams of the UNCCD process</li> </ul> <p>Moderator -Sharon Taylor, Coordination Specialist, UN Women</p> <p>Presenters -Verona Collantes-Lebale, Intergovernmental Specialist, UN Women -Wagaki Wischnewski, Gender Focal Point, UNCCD secretariat - Hannan, UN Women consultant/expert -Tzili Mor, Landesa Center for Women’s Rights -Graciela Metternicht, member of the UNCCD Science Policy Interface</p>
15:00 – 16:30	<p><b>Showcasing gender-responsive actions in the implementation of the Convention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations on good practices, tools, methodologies and strategies on the integration of a gender perspective in the UNCCD’s areas of work</li> </ul> <p>Moderator -Verona Collantes, Intergovernmental Specialist UN Women</p> <p>Presenters -Elie Kodasi, Senior Technical Advisor, UNDP GC-RED -Stephen Muwaya, UNCCD National Focal Point, Uganda -Paulette Henry, Asst. Director, University of Guyana Berbice Campus -Winnie Lichuma, National Gender and Equality Commission, Kenya</p>

<b>16:40 – 18:00</b>	<p><b>Gender-responsive financing for the implementation of the UNCCD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Discussions on gender equality as a core target of development finance, including climate financing mechanisms, and on allocating resources to support gender-responsive projects and ensuring that budget expenditures promote gender equality and the empowerment of women</li> </ul> <p>Moderator -Elie Kodasi, Senior Technical Advisor, UNDP GC-RED</p> <p>Presenters -Lorena Aguilar, IUCN -Representatives from Parties (TBC)</p>
<b>18:00 – 19:50</b>	<p><b>Networking event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Casual gathering of gender advocates across the Rio Convention processes to build connections and share ideas and initiatives. Light refreshments to be served (TBC).</li> </ul>
<b>Sat 9 Sep</b>	<b>GEF Day-Partnership in Action</b>
<b>8:20 – 9:50</b>	<p><b>Separate side event</b></p> <p>Developing a platform for the indicators of the Rio Conventions -Mr. David Oswald</p>
<b>10:00 –11:30</b>	<p><b>GEF-Country ownership and empowerment in sustainable land management, UNDP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Opening Remarks -Jean-Marc Sinnassamy – Global Environment Facility</li> <li>•Keynote and narrative -Phemo Kgomo, UNDP, Regional Service Center for Africa</li> </ul> <p>Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Pilot CPP experiences initiated under GEF 3 (Burkina Faso, Namibia, Cuba)</li> <li>•GEF4 SLEM CPP (China, India)</li> <li>•UNDP/GEF portfolio in Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Tanzania</li> </ul> <p>A synopsis of the different national programming exercises of SLM in different countries will be provided. Several countries (the panelists) will be invited to share their experiences and highlight the lessons learned, in line with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The importance of national coordination and synergy between donors and partners (platforms, CSIF, integrated financing strategies);</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Country ownership (capacity development, institutional strengthening) to mainstreaming SLM into the development agenda, financing and sustainability aspects, bottom up approaches, role for women and CSO, etc.</li> <li>•Lessons for future programming - upscaling and advancing the LDN agenda</li> </ul>
<b>11:40 – 13:10</b>	<b>GEF - African countries' experience and emerging priorities under the <i>TerrAfrica</i> partnership to promote interventions at scale against land degradation</b> , World Bank
<b>13:20 – 14:50</b>	<b>GEF-Financing synergy: Land and climate actions</b>
<b>15:00 – 16:30</b>	<p><b>GEF-Innovation, science &amp; technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Annette Cowie, GEF STAP Advisor on Land Degradation</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Innovation, Science and Technology in evaluating the GEF</li> </ul> <p>Moderator -Asha Bobb-Semple, GEF Secretariat</p> <p>Presenters -Juha Uitto, Director, Independent GEF Evaluation Office -Barron Orr, Science-Policy Interface, -Jeff Herrick, Soil Scientist and LandPKS PI, USDA -Alex Zvoleff, Director, Data Science, Conservation International -Jonathan Davies, Global Coordinator, Global Dryland Initiative, IUCN</p>
<b>16:40 – 18:10</b>	<p><b>GEF-Dialogue between the CSO and the GEF</b></p> <p>Opening Remarks &amp; Facilitation •Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, Senior Environmental Specialist, GEF</p> <p>Discussion -Omer Ouedraogo, SPONG (Permanent Secretariat of NGOs, Burkina Faso), will share his experience from the GEF CSO network and SPONG's implication to formulate recommendations in view of the next GEF replenishment</p> <p>-Patrice Burger, Chairperson and founder of CARI (NGO), also member of various networks and platforms related to SLM</p> <p>-Bora Masumbuko, IUCN, will share her experiences from the GEF5 BRICKS and some of the national projects under the SAWAP: she will highlight the role of women in disseminating SLM related innovations</p> <p>-Yoko Watanabe, GEF Small Grant Programme</p>

	<p>Questions and Answers -Chiz Aoki, Lead Environment Specialist -Ulrich Apel, GEF LD Coordinator</p>
<b>18:20 – 19:50</b>	GEF reception
<b>Mon 11 Sep</b>	<b>SDG 15.3 on Land Degradation Neutrality Day</b>
<b>11:40 – 13:10</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: The Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) and Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) in Asia, UNEP</b>
<b>13:20 – 14:50</b>	<p><b>Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality in Europe – meeting the challenge,</b> European Commission DG ENV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Siim Kiisler, Minister of the Environment, Estonia, as EU Council President</li> <li>- Mr. Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General DG Environment, European Commission</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Actions at EU level, European Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State of soil and land in the EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Dr Luca Montanarella, Joint Research Centre and Chair of the International Technical Panel on Soil (ITPS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>•Overview of EU policy context and activities to tackle land degradation at EU level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–Josiane Masson, DG Environment</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Examples of actions at Member States level</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Actions in Estonia – Taimar Ala, Ministry of Environment</li> <li>•Actions in Germany - Walter Engelberg, GIZ (Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit 10'</li> <li>•Actions in Italy- Mauro Centritto, CNR - IVALSA and Dr.ssa Anna Luise, ISPRA</li> </ul>

<b>Tue 12 Sep</b>	<b>Land for Life Day</b>
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Opening of Land for Life Day</b> -Ms. Monique Barbut, UNCCD Executive Secretary
<b>10:45 – 13:00</b>	<b>Meeting the UNCCD 2017 Land for Life Award Winners and the essence of success</b>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Screening of winners success case</b> *lunch reception
<b>14:00 – 15:00</b>	<b>Scaling restoration with digital technology</b> -Ant Financial, subsidiary group of Alibaba
<b>15:15 – 16:15</b>	<b>Open Discussion: Is ensuring societal sustainability, stability and security everyone's responsibility?</b>

	<p>Moderator -Yukie Hori, UNCCD Spokesperson</p> <p>Panellists -Ms. Nassef (UNEP) -Dr D'Souza (WOTR) -Dr. Cai (ELION) -Mr. Kwon (Future Forest); -Gadner (Regeneration International)</p>
<b>16:30 – 17:40</b>	<p><b>Policies &amp; Land: Can good policies facilitate the achievement of SDG15.3 Land Degradation Neutrality Goal</b> -Future Policy Award winners</p>
<b>17:40 – 19:15</b>	<p><b>Communication and Impact on Land</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online communication and social media - the next generation's too? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Beth Johnson</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Film screening and sharing session with film director Patrick Augenstein</li> </ul>
<b>19:15 – 20:00</b>	Networking and Chilling out with Winners and Panellists *with Cocktail reception
<b>Wed 13 Sep</b>	<b>Synergies Day</b>
<b>8:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Reversing Land Degradation in Drylands using China's Afforestation Programs as an example, UNU-FLORES</b>
<b>10:15 – 10:45</b>	<p><b>Book Launch</b> Multifunctional land-use systems for managing the Nexus of environmental resources, UNU-FLORES</p>
<b>11:20 – 12:50</b>	<p><b>Fighting land degradation at the landscape level, World Bank</b></p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-CILSS</li> <li>-China Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region</li> <li>-Colombia Ministry of Environment</li> <li>-European Commission</li> <li>-FAO</li> <li>-GEF</li> <li>-GiZ</li> <li>-Private Sector Representative</li> </ul>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<p><b>Land-based transformative projects: Delivering land, climate and biodiversity benefits at scale, UNCCD Global Mechanism</b></p> <p><b>Opening speech</b></p>

	<p>-Ms. Monique Barbut, UNCCD Executive Secretary</p> <p><b>Presentations of innovative land-based transformative projects</b> Moderator: Ms. Catalina Santamaria (CBD)</p> <p>Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LDN Fund Project in Peru (Mr Etienne Desmarais, CEO EcoTierra)</li> <li>- LDCF/UNDP Project in Bhutan (Mrs Karma Dorji, UNCCD NFP, Bhutan)</li> <li>- GEF/FAO Project in Turkey (Mr Hanifi Avci, UNCCD NFP, Turkey)</li> </ul> <p>Presentations outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Why is the project transformative?</li> <li>-How does the project contribute to LDN?</li> <li>-What benefits does the project provide in terms of climate and/or biodiversity?</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel of funding sources representatives (GEF, BOAD, LDN Fund)</b> Moderator: Mr Claudio Forner (UNFCCC),</p> <p>Panelists: Mrs Chizuru Aoki (GEF), Mrs Solange Yayi Allechi (BOAD), Mr Gautier Queru (LDN Fund), Mrs Magda Lovei (World Bank)</p> <p>GEF, BOAD, LDN Fund, World Bank representatives join the panel, and provide 5 min statements on the contribution of their organization to land-based transformative projects and synergies between Rio conventions, and highlight the challenges faced in sourcing and developing transformative projects</p> <p><b>Question and Answer/ Discussion session</b> Facilitation by Mr. Markus Replik (UNCCD)</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-What is the importance of land-based transformative projects serving Rio conventions objectives?</li> <li>-What leading funding sources can offer to unleash land, climate and biodiversity benefits?</li> <li>-What are the challenges and missing pieces?</li> </ul>
<p><b>17:30 – 19:00</b></p>	<p><b>Planet Sands film</b></p> <p>Episode 1: Sahara, Reconquering Lost Lands Episode 2: Atacama, The Quest for Water Episode 3: Aralkum, The World's Youngest Desert</p>

	<p>Episode 4: Australia, The Desert Continent Episode 5: China, At War Against Deserts Co-produced by Mona Lisa Production, ARTE France, Heilongjian Broadcasting Station, Universcience, CNRS Images and IRD</p> <p>With the participation of Ushuaia TV, TV5 Monde, Servus TV, TVB, Al Jazeera Channel, RSI Radiotelevisione Svizzera, RTVE, and Polyband. Contact: Dr. Juan Shen juanshen@hotmail.fr</p>
<b>Thu 14 Sep</b>	<b>IUCN Landscape Restoration Day</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:45</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Session 1: The Great green wall: Conserving biodiversity and mitigating climate change through landscape restoration, IUCN and World Bank</b>
<b>11:45 – 13:15</b>	<b>Session 2: Implementing the SADC sub programme to combat desertification, IUCN</b>
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Session 3: Land restoration for peace and profit, ICRAF</b>
<b>15:15 – 16:45</b>	<b>Session 4: Guardians of Rangelands: Combating desertification in the rangeland through sustainable pastoralism, FAO</b>
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Session 5: Landscape restoration and Land Degradation Neutrality: opportunities and recommendations, IUCN</b>

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