

UNCCD COP14 India - GEF Day at the Rio Convention Pavilion (MET-11)

Transformational Change in practice:

Where are we coming from? Where we are going to?

9th September 2019 (Monday), 13.30-18.00

As other donors, the GEF and its partners, are calling for transformational change in food, urban, and energy systems. Such transformation requires investments with greater impact, integration, innovation, sustainability, and scaling effects.

What do we mean by transformational change? What does it concretely mean for programs, projects, agencies and countries that combat land degradation? What are the different elements of this concept? Are we applying the concept the right way? How does it differ from past efforts? Do all stakeholders agree with the terms and the way forward?

The GEF Day is designed around a strategic keynote from Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO, and a discussion with business leaders. Countries and key-stakeholders involved in GEF initiatives and programs will begin to answer questions by sharing their views on how to achieve transformational change. The session will address the following topics:

- The notion of transformation highlighting its different elements;
- The role of multiple stakeholder platforms at global, regional, national and local levels;
- The evolutions of business models for less footprints and higher levels of productivity;
- The ways to include scaling, replication, and catalytic effects in program and project design;
- The importance of effective and sustainable stakeholder involvement for sustainability;

A Q&A session will close the session to create a common understanding of the concept and help make it operational.

Indicative Session Overview

Time	Session Block	Type of event
13:30 –14:00	Setting the stage on Transformational Change in Land Degradation projects	Talk
14:00 –14:40	The role of multiple stakeholder platforms from global to local levels	Panel
14:40 – 15:00	Keynote by GEF CEO Naoko Ishii on Land-based transformation	Talk
15:00 - 15:30	The business perspective: a discussion with business leaders	Panel
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Coffee break with networking opportunities</i>	
16:00 – 16:30	Great Green Wall Initiative	Videos
16:30 -17.00	Scaling up and Replication	Panel
17:00 – 17:30	Sustainability: transformation through effective and sustainable stakeholder involvement	Panel
17:30 – 18.00	Questions and Answers Session and Wrap-up	Q & A

Run-of-the-Show

Session	Countries / Participating Partners / Speakers
Setting the stage on Transformational Change in Land Degradation projects	Facilitation: Ms. Asha Bobb-Semple, GEF
Evaluation of GEF support for Transformational Change in the Land Degradation Focal Area	Ms. Geeta Batra, GEF IEO
The role of multiple stakeholder platforms at global, regional, national and local levels	Facilitation : Mr. Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, GEF
Definitions, what the science says	Ms. Graciela Metternicht, STAP
<i>Feedback from Programs</i>	
IAP- Food Security: platforms at regional and national levels	Mr. Jonky Tenou, IFAD
Drylands IP: what kind of platforms for the Drylands IP?	Mr. Rene Castro, FAO
<i>Feedback from countries</i>	
Uganda	Mr. Stephen Muwaya, Uganda
<i>Feedback from stakeholders</i>	
Global and regional platforms	Ms. Salome Begeladze, IUCN
SPONG, Burkina Faso, a national platform for CSO	Mr. Pierre Omer Ouedraogo
Conclusions of the session: identifying key-points and messages about the importance of platforms at different levels	Ms. Sara Scherr, EcoAgriculture Partners
High Level intervention	Facilitation: Ms. Asha Bobb-Semple
Keynote on Land-based Transformation	Ms. Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO
Business perspective: a discussion with business leaders	Facilitation: Mr. Matt Reddy, GEF
Business leaders will reflect on the evolution of business models for reduced footprints and higher levels of productivity, the market expectations for sustainably produced commodities and engagement with actors throughout the value chain.	Mr. Bernard Giraud, CEO, Livelihoods Fund
Audience members will use the Slido application to share their views, comments and thoughts.	Mr. Dilip Kulkarni, President, Agri-food, Jain Irrigation
	Mr. Varun Vats, global lead for partnerships, Syngenta and WEF lead on Climate-Smart Agriculture
The Great Green Wall Initiative	Facilitation: Mr. Christian Hofer, GEF
Introduction	Mr. Alexander Asen, UNCCD
Trailer (2 minutes)	
Reminding the morning discussions on the GGWI	Mr. Elvis Paul Tangem, AU
Short video: nature-based solutions (4 minutes)	
Discussions, Q & A	Facilitation: Mr. Christian Hofer

Coffee Break	
Scaling, Replication, Catalytic effects	Facilitation: Mr. Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, GEF
Definitions, what the science says	Ms. Graciela Metternicht, STAP
Feedback from Niger	Mr. Abdoulaye Soumaila, Director, PRODAF
Feedback from Mongolia	Mr. Altangerel Enkhbat, Director
Feedback from a GEF Agency	Ms. Phemo Kgomotso, UNDP
Conclusions of the session	Ms. Madjiguene Seck, WB
Sustainability: transformation through effective and sustainable stakeholder involvement in programmatic approaches	Facilitation: Ms. Chizuru Aoki, GEF
Sustainability: Definitions, what the science says	Ms. Graciela Metternicht, STAP
Sustainability in the IAP-Food Security	Mr. Jonky Tenou, IFAD
Sustainability from smallholder farmers' perspective	Mr. Ajay Jakhar, Chairman of the Indian Farmers Collective
Sustainability from CSO perspective	Mr. Noel Otle, Drynet network
Sustainability from the private sector perspective	Mr. Gautier Queru, LDN Fund
Key messages of the session	Ms. Phemo Kgomotso, UNDP
Questions and Answers Session	Facilitation: Mr. Ulrich Apel, GEF
Same question asked to the different panelists: What are the key take-home messages and recommendations about transformative changes, and especially the different dimensions that were highlighted in the afternoon (platforms of dialogue, scaling up, sustainability, business models, engagement of stakeholders...).	Ms. Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO, Ms. Graciela Metternicht, STAP, Ms. Geeta Batra, GEF IEO, Mr. Ajay Jakhar, Chairman of the Indian Farmers Collective Mr. Gautier Queru, LDN Fund CEO
Q & A with the audience	Mr. Ulrich Apel, GEF
Wrapping up	Ms. Chizuru Aoki, GEF