

Overview Schedule Negotiation Track and Action Agenda



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COP16 High level segment – Day 1

Monday 2 December 2024

Hours		Official Sessions	Action Agenda Events	
9	:00			
	:30			
10	:00	COP opening ceremony followed by COP Plenary		
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11	:00			
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12	:00			
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13	:00	Press Conference		
	:30		Launch of Riyadh Global Drought Resilience Partnership	
14	:00			
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15	:00	Committee of the Whole		
	:30			
16	:00		Ministerial Dialogue on Drought Resilience “From Geneva to Riyadh and beyond, enhancing global and national policy instruments for a proactive drought management approach”	
	:30			
17	:00			
	:30		Launch of Drought Resilience Observatory and Global Drought Atlas	
18	:00			
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COP16 High-level segment – Day 2

Tuesday 3 December 2024

Hours		Official Sessions			Action Agenda Events		
9	:00				Needs and Opportunities(GAP Report)		
	:30						
10	:00	Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention	Ministerial dialogue: <i>Unlocking Public and Private Finance for Land Restoration and Drought Resilience</i>				
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13	:00				An Exploration of Islamic Finance		
	:30						
14	:00			Ministerial Dialogue: <i>Impacts of Land Degradation and Drought on Forced Migration, Security and Prosperity</i>			
	:30						
15	:00	Committee on Science and Technology	COP - Formal statements			Harnessing the Power of the Market Panel discussion on innovative market mechanisms to finance land restoration efforts	
	:30						
16	:00						Investing for Impact - Panel discussion showcasing innovative blended funds and investment mechanisms that are emerging. Followed by dialogue on creative solutions to unlocking and leveraging investment for DLDD plus interaction with the multilateral investments institutions
	:30						
17	:00						
	:30						
18	:00				Closing session: Recap announcements, adoption of ministerial declaration		
	:30						



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COP16 Land Day

Wednesday 4 December 2024

Hours		Official Sessions		Action Agenda Events					
8	:00						Business 4 Land Champions		
	:30			High-level opening: From Riyadh To Belem: a journey for the harmonization of the three Rio Conventions towards stronger synergies					
9	:00			Symposium on naturebased solutions		The new nature of business: The path to prosperity and sustainability	The Business 4 Land Expert Consultation Session		
	:30								
10	:00	Joint session of Committee on Science and Technology & Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention	High Level Interactive Dialogue: Gender Caucus		Resilience of mountain ecosystems in drylands				
	:30								
11	:00							Land Restoration Moonshot: Success stories	Boosting the resilience of desert oases
	:30								
12	:00								
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13	:00			Business 4 Land Forum					
	:30								
14	:00						Great Green Wall: Lessons from Ongoing Regional Programs		
	:30								
15	:00	Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention	Committee of the Whole	VACS Champions	Addressing Water Scarcity in the Arab World: The Role of the Private Sector	Global Rangelands Standards: A Framework for Sustainable Pastoral Futures			
	:30								
16	:00					Land of Opportunities Pitching Competition		COP Presidency event: Protecting and Restoring Rangelands	
	:30								
17	:00			Land Restoration Moonshot: Scaling finance, empowering people					
	:30								
18	:00						Fashion 4 Land		
	:30								
19	:00			High-level closing session					
	:30								



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COP16 Agri-Food Systems Day

Thursday 5 December 2024

Hours	Official Sessions	Action Agenda Events			
8 :00 :30		The role of Agri-food Systems across the three Rio Conventions			
9 00 30		AGFUND, BADEA, Innovation Commission: Flagship projects	Building a greener future: Tackle the nexus between sustainable value chain and land restoration for the Great Green Wall	Soil Carbon Sequestration	NENA High -level breakfast dialogue on Investment for planet and people
10 00 30	COP Open Dialogue Session	World Soil Day celebration			
11 00 30		Deploying innovative financing instruments	Leveraging diaspora resources for climate resilience and sustainable land use	Interministerial coordination in action	
12 00 30			Restoring the Forgotten Landscapes: A High-Level Dialogue on Funding Grasslands, Savannas, and Rangelands		
13 :00 :30		High-level interactive dialogue on sustainable, resilient and inclusive agri-food systems			
14 :00 :30					
15 :00 :30	Committee on Science and Technology		Enabling environments for smallholder farmers to transition to socio-ecological resilient agri-food systems	Sustainable and integrated value-chains developments	Soil Global Act
16 :00 :30		VACS in action			Launch of Global Platform on Dryland Agriculture Innovative Technologies
17 :00 :30				Framing sustainable agricultural approaches	Soil Amendments
18 :00 :30		The GEF Food Systems Integrated Program (FSIP) launch	Soil health for food security and resilience		
19 :00 :30		Food Forever Experience Riyadh			



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COP16 Governance Day

Friday 6 December 2024

Hours	Official Sessions		Action Agenda Events			
13 :00 :30			Mayor's Forum: Showcasing the role of local and regional governments in combating land degradation, water scarcity, and desertification	Women's land rights for effective restoration efforts: Understanding synergies, taking action		
14 :00 :30						
15 :00 :30	Committee on Science and Technology	Committee of the Whole				
16 :00 :30			Tenure security as an enabler of land restoration and sustainable agrifood systems: the role of land policy	Urban-Rural linkages and land: Tools and governance frameworks for action	Governance in drylands: A vision for a just land transition	Rights and responsibilities: how to achieve equitable, inclusive and sustainable water governance
17 :00 :30						
18 :00 :30			Shared Lands, Shared Futures: Inclusive governance for rangelands and pastoralists	How Integrated Land Use Planning (ILUP) contributes to LDN, food and tenure security and multiple environmental goals	Data and knowledge management: Towards integrating land tenure into UNCCD monitoring	
19 :00 :30						



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COP16 People's Day

Saturday 7 December 2024

Hours		Action Agenda Events			
9	:00	Youth uniting for policy coherence: Bridging the gap in global desertification and land restoration efforts			
	:30				
10	:00	High-level event: Indigenous Peoples for Land			
	:30				
11	:00		By Youth for Youth: Youth at the Forefront		
	:30				
12	:00				
	:30	Decent work in nature-based solutions 2024: ILO-IUCN-UNEP report launch	Sport4Land Champion Announcement	Restoration of global rangelands for people, nature and human well-being and development	
13	:00				
	:30				
14	:00	Mobility Matters: In the footsteps of pastoralists and hunter-gatherer walking around the world			
	:30				
15	:00	Youth Forum: Action for Land, restoring work for resilient and sustainable futures		Gender Caucus: Emerging best practices on the collection of sex-disaggregated data and gender-responsive indicators for DLDD initiatives	
	:30				
16	:00		The role of Indigenous Peoples on ecosystem restoration		
	:30				
17	:00			Gender Caucus: Women-led solutions for drought resilience and adaptation: Key findings and conversation with selected country-based women champions	
	:30				



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COP16 Science, Technology and Innovation Day

Monday 9 December 2024

Hours		Official Sessions	Action Agenda Events		
9	:00		Science-Policy Interface (SPI) day		
	:30				
10	:00	COP Open Dialogue Session			
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13	:00			High-level interactive dialogue: Healing our land through science and Earth Intelligence	
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15	:00	Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention	Committee of the Whole		
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COP16 Resilience Day

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Hours		Official Sessions		Action Agenda Events
9	:00			Resilience to address the challenges of land degradation, desertification, drought and water scarcity
	:30			
10	:00	Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention	Committee of the Whole	Scaling up land restoration for resilient ecosystems and communities
	:30			
11	:00			
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12	:00			Resilience through Early Warning Systems
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13	:00			Drought preparedness and water scarcity
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14	:00			
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15	:00	Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention		
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17	:00			Closing session: Connecting DLDD, SDS and water scarcity with integrated land solutions
	:30			
18	:00			Dinner and Networking
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19	:00			
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COP16 Closing Days

Official Sessions		
Wednesday 11 December 2024		
10-13	Committee on Science and Technology	
15-18	Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention	
Thursday 12 December 2024		
10-13	Committee of the Whole	COP (adoption of COW and CST decisions)
	Committee on Science and Technology	
15-18		COP (adoption of CRIC decisions)
Friday 13 December 2024		
10-13		COP (adoption of COW and CST decisions)
15-18	COP (adoption of COP decisions and closing session)	



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