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Finance Day Programme

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Finance Day in a nutshell

Mobilizing finance at scale is essential to addressing land degradation, drought resilience and sustainable land management, yet current investment levels remain significantly below what is needed to meet global targets. Closing this financing gap requires a fundamental shift in how public, multilateral and private capital are mobilized and aligned in support of land-related priorities.

The private sector plays an increasingly important role in shaping land-related outcomes through investment decisions, value chains and innovation, while land degradation is also increasingly recognized as being closely linked to broader issues of vulnerability, displacement and instability. These interconnected challenges underscore the need for dialogue across governments, financial institutions, businesses and international organizations, and reinforce synergies across the Rio Conventions and broader sustainable development objectives.

Recognizing the scale of this challenge, Finance Day will place land and drought resilience at the centre of discussions on sustainable finance, highlighting their importance not only for environmental sustainability, but also for economic resilience, food security and long-term development.

The Finance Day thematic programme will explore financing approaches for land restoration and drought resilience, the role of land within investment frameworks, the transformation of global value chains, and the interlinkages between land, security and human mobility. Through ministerial dialogues, business forums and thematic discussions, it will highlight perspectives from across the public, private and multilateral sectors.





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Finance Day High-Level Events

High-Level Segment Opening

08:00 – 10:30 [Plenary]

This opening session inaugurates the High-Level Segment of COP17.

Ministerial Dialogue on Innovative Financial Mechanisms for Healthy Land and Drought Resilience

11:00 – 14:00 [Plenary]

This ministerial dialogue will explore innovative approaches to financing land restoration and drought resilience, with a particular focus on the role of public finance, multilateral development banks, development finance institutions and private capital. It will examine how land can be better integrated into financial and investment frameworks, discuss opportunities to mobilize and de-risk investment at scale, and highlight the links between land, economic resilience, food security and sustainable development.

Business4Land: Closing the Land Financing Gap in the Triple COP Year

11:00 – 11:45 [Action Dome]

This session marks the opening of the Business4Land programme and will explore the role of businesses, governments and financial institutions in accelerating investment for land restoration during the Triple COP year. It will highlight different perspectives on addressing the global land financing gap, showcase private sector engagement through the Business4Land initiative, and examine policy and financial frameworks that support investment in sustainable land management.

Business4Land: Land as an Asset Class

11:45 – 12:30 [Action Dome]

This second session of the Business4Land programme will explore how business transformation, finance and advocacy can support large-scale land restoration through science-based targets, investor-focused soil health data and land-related reporting frameworks. It will showcase experiences from businesses, investors and national stakeholders on aligning corporate action with land restoration objectives and strengthening the information and accountability systems that underpin investment in sustainable land management.

Business4Land: De-risk and Scale to Restore 1.5bn Hectares of Land

12:30 – 14:30 [Action Dome]

This third session of the Business4Land programme will explore how businesses, financial institutions and development partners can work together to scale investment in land restoration and drought resilience. It will highlight experiences from land-positive value chains, innovative financing instruments and risk-management approaches, while showcasing emerging frameworks, partnerships and initiatives that support the development of investable land restoration projects.



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Leadership for a Land-Positive Future: Forum of Mining Industry Leaders

14:30 – 16:00 [Action Dome]

Bringing together industry leaders, governments, Indigenous representatives, and international partners, this high-level Mining Forum will explore how the mining sector can drive sustainable land management, ecosystem restoration, and resilient landscapes. The forum will examine key challenges and opportunities in balancing mineral development with the protection of land, nature, and local communities, while showcasing innovative approaches to responsible mining and post-mining landscape restoration.

Ministerial on Security and Migration

**15:00 – 18:00
[Main Committee Room]**

This ministerial will explore the links between land degradation, drought resilience, peace, security and human mobility, bringing together leaders from environment, foreign affairs, defence, interior and migration portfolios. It will examine how land restoration and sustainable natural resource management can contribute to resilience and stability, while highlighting experiences and perspectives on addressing vulnerability, displacement and fragility through integrated approaches and cross-sector cooperation.

Future of Financing Roundtable: A Targeted Dialogue with Financial Partners

15:00 – 18:00 [MET 22]

This high-level side event will explore the future of financing for land restoration and drought resilience in the context of evolving international finance architecture and growing investment needs. Convened as a roundtable discussion, it will bring together multilateral development banks, development finance institutions, public development banks and other financial partners to examine innovative financing approaches, discuss challenges and opportunities in mobilizing capital at scale, and explore the application of emerging frameworks for financing sustainable land use and resilience.

Fashion4Land Forum (Technical Programme)

15:00 – 16:30 [MET 23]

The Fashion4Land Forum will bring together stakeholders from across the fashion value chain to explore the links between innovation, natural fibers and sustainable land management. The session will feature discussions on youth-led innovation and design, followed by a session examining the role of wool and other natural fibers in building more sustainable and resilient fashion systems. Together, these sessions will highlight practical opportunities to scale sustainable solutions and strengthen climate and land stewardship across the sector.



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Official Launch of the Rangelands Flagship Initiative

16:30 – 18:00 [MET 23]

This high-level side event will highlight the importance of rangelands for sustainable livelihoods, food systems, biodiversity and climate resilience, with a particular focus on pastoralist communities and dryland ecosystems. It will bring together governments, financial institutions, scientific organizations and development partners to explore approaches for strengthening investment, knowledge sharing and cooperation in the sustainable management and restoration of rangelands.

Fashion4Land High-Level Segment

17:00 – 17:45 [Action Dome]

This event will convene policymakers, industry leaders, youth representatives, and other stakeholders to discuss how standards and regulations can support the sustainable transformation of the fashion sector. The policy dialogue will be followed by the Fashion4Land Fashion Show and an evening networking reception, providing opportunities to showcase sustainable fashion solutions and foster cross-sector collaboration.

Business4Land Champions' Council and Fashion4Land Show

18:00 – 19:30 [Action Dome]

This closing event will bring together representatives from business, finance, government and the fashion sector to explore the role of partnerships, innovation and private sector leadership in supporting land restoration, sustainable land management and drought resilience. It will highlight perspectives from the Business4Land Champions' Council and showcase the links between sustainable fashion, natural fibers, responsible value chains and land stewardship through the Fashion4Land fashion show and networking reception.

Targeting Finance under the UNCCD

18:00 – 20:00 [MET 22]

The Investment Targeting Tool is an integrated geospatial decision-support platform that builds on and connects existing datasets and tools — vastly improving usability through an AI-assisted interface that exposes only the information relevant to each user's specific context and objectives. This meeting will offer an opportunity to partners to discuss how to leverage existing efforts to develop the tool, and the roadmap toward COP18.

Finance Day - Timetable

Time	Plenary/Main Committee Other	Action Dome	MET22 (112 seats – U-shape)	MET23 (100 seats – Classroom)	MET24 (112 seats – U-shape)	MET 21 (160 seats-classroom)	
8-9	High-Level Segment Opening						
9-9:30							
9:30-10							
10-10:30							
10:30-11							
11-11:30	Ministerial dialogue on innovative financial mechanisms for healthy land and drought resilience	B4L opening					
11:30-12		B4L - Land as an asset class					
12-12:30		B4L Forum De-risk and Scale to restore 1.5Billion Ha of Land					
12:30-13							
13-13:30							
13:30-14							
14-14:30							
14:30-15		Mining Forum	Future for financing roundtable	Fashion 4 Land Forum			
15-15:30	High-Level Ministerial event on Security and Migration <i>Main Committee Room</i>						
15:30-16		Technical set-up					
16-16:30							
16:30-17							
17-17:30	Fashion 4 Land High-Level Segment		Official Launch of the Rangelands Flagship Initiative				
17:30-18							
18-18:30		B4L Champions' Council & Fashion4Land Show	Targeting Finance under the UNCCD				
18:30-19							
19:00-19:30							
19:30-20:00							