



Capacity Building Workshop dedicated to the International Day of Rural Women

CEE EXPERIENCE

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Background

Women's land rights are essential for achieving the interconnected global goals on gender equality and land degradation neutrality by 2030, as well as contributing to the advancement of other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Investing in women's equal access to land and associated assets is a direct investment in their future and the future of humanity.

"Women are major actors in the global efforts to reduce and reverse land degradation. They restore land, they protect land, they cherish, nourish and care for the land, while also caring for others. However, in the vast majority of countries, women have unequal and limited access to and control over land. We cannot achieve land degradation neutrality without gender equality, and we cannot exclude half the population from land management decisions because of their gender," – Ibrahim Thiaw, UNCCD Executive Secretary.

To facilitate a collaborative approach, UNCCD has established a Gender Caucus comprised of country champions, selected UN agencies and CSO partners, to provide expert guidance on how to focus our strategies to reduce gender inequalities in DLDD. The Gender Caucus is convened at each CRIC and UNCCD COP, and has been an effective space to share knowledge and to advance conversations in the context of the implementation of the Convention. At COP15, the Gender Caucus held three sessions.

An increased number of UNCCD COP decisions addressing gender issues is a clear testimony of the rising general sensitivity, awareness and knowledge about gender (in)equality worldwide among policy-makers, governmental representatives, CSOs, NGOs, etc.

The 24/COP.15 Decision on Gender clearly stipulates that securing women's tenure rights and women's access to land and other natural resources will be critical for the achievement of key Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG1 (No poverty), SDG2 (Zero hunger), SDG5 (Gender equality), SDG11 (Sustainable cities and communities).

As a response to the palpable willingness of the Parties to the Convention to look for joint solutions to common gender-related challenges, UNCCD in collaboration with such important UN partners as UNEP, FAO and UN Women is organizing an online thematic capacity building workshop dedicated to the Rural Women's Day observed worldwide on 15 October. The meeting will have a regional focus (CEE countries) which will lay the basis for subsequent collaborative dialogues in other regions.

Representatives of different farmers' federations and associations from CEE countries will have the opportunity to present the results of their work, share their views on the main problems that women farmers encounter nowadays, and discuss avenues for possible intra-regional cooperation.

The observance of International Rural Women's Day is coherently integrated in UNCCD's ongoing 2023 campaign #HerLand, which aims to: recognize excellence and leadership in sustainable land management by women and girls; amplify the voices of women and girls living on the frontlines of desertification, land degradation and drought; and issues a call to action for stronger women's leadership and decision-making power to advocate for issues affecting women in the context of desertification, land degradation and drought.



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ONLINE MEETING

Objectives and expected results

The main goal of the thematic workshop dedicated to the International Rural Women's Day is to provide an opportunity for the participants to engage in a cooperative dialogue and strengthen their capacities through sharing knowledge and best practices on gender-responsive land-related issues for the purpose of sustainable land management.

To reaffirm strong commitment to gender equality, the organizers of the meeting will focus on following objectives:

Raise awareness of the disproportionate impact of desertification, land degradation and drought on women and girls and the barriers they face in decision-making on land issues;

Highlight women's contributions to sustainable land management and broader SDGs;

Mobilize global support to advance land rights for women and girls around the world.

The Parties will also be able to discuss important issues intrinsically linked to the main theme of the workshop, such as drought and its impacts, land tenure, and migration. The UNCCD will present the Gender Action Plan and its associated Road Map, adopted by the Parties with the main goal to make the implementation of the 2018-2030 UNCCD Strategic Framework gender-responsive and transformative, and thus more effective, efficient and successful.

The results achieved will be disseminated through a wide range of stakeholders and interested Parties.

Structure and content

The online meeting will last from 10.00 am to 12.30 am (CET time) on 12 October 2023

Representatives of the UN organizations will set the tone to the discussion on the progress made on achieving gender equality worldwide and in the CEE region in particular, which will be followed by presentations made by representatives of national and regional farmer associations.

Attendees will discuss, inter alia, such acute issues as the role of women in decision-making processes on land issues, updates in existing legislation on gender, and girls' and women's access to improved knowledge and technologies.

The second part of the meeting will focus on capacity-building and gender issues and will be carried out in an interactive format.

English-Russian Interpretation will be provided.

Participants

The increasing complexity of the issues within the mandate of the Convention require concerted multilateral action. Therefore, the meeting will bring together varied stakeholders: representatives of different UN organizations (FAO, UNEP, UN Women, UNCCD), farmer federations and associations, CSOs, NGOs, as well as governmental representatives from UNCCD Annex V countries (CEE region).

Gender-balanced participation will be encouraged.