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## Invitation to nominate candidates for the 2021 Land for Life Award

Dear National Focal Points and UNCCD partners,

I have the honor to invite you to nominate a candidate for the 2021 Land for Life Award. Under the theme “Healthy Land, Healthy Lives”, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) will reward individuals or organizations that contribute to the scaling and acceleration of innovative and impactful restoration initiatives, highlighting the crucial human–environment nexus.

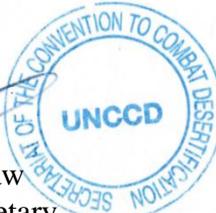
In these uncertain times, we are searching for positive and inspiring models, initiatives and groundbreakers that are creating solutions to harness the potential of land for life, by turning degrading land into opportunities. The science is clear. A healthy and well-functioning land plays a pivotal role in supporting people, particularly in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. By raising awareness and supporting innovation and ecopreneurship on the ground, we can raise ambition, accelerate action, particularly for women and youth, and jointly champion a new restoration narrative in service of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

Your support for nominations will help increase our reach, drawing attention to changemakers who truly deserve global recognition. For further information, visit our website [Land for Life](#) page in all six UN official languages or contact our Land for Life programme coordinator, Ms. Caroline Galipeau at [L4L@unccd.int](mailto:L4L@unccd.int).

The Award winners will receive a tailored support package for the biennium 2021-2023 to increase visibility and partnership opportunities. It includes an invitation to showcase their stories at the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD (COP 15) and the Kubuqi International Desertification Forum.

Let us continue to galvanize a global movement for land restoration through the Land for Life programme to accelerate nature-based solutions!

Yours sincerely,

  
  
Ibrahim Thiaw  
Executive Secretary