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Am a Development Catalyst with 30 years of experience in managing human relationships, environmental and development initiatives especially on Community Resilience. I have exposed to working relationship with local, regional, international & bilateral & Inter-governmental organizations along with government & PSUs , I have shouldered responsibility in undertaking massive livelihoods-restoration from Odisha super-cyclone-1999, Gujarat Earth quake, Indian Tsunami restoration with Care-India.

**What would you bring from the CSO community to the UNCCD SPI?**

My association with UNCCD- SPI is to bring consensus in providing simple and sample of models that we have demonstrated little at community, how biodiversity conservation would be part culture and how forest , water ,land mass , commons are integral part community assets . My privilege to share of citizen-action can bring changes on minimizing adverse impact of climate change induced droughts, may bring change in perception that water as connector, not a sector and bring collective force to fight together to success END-WATER-POVERTY-campaign, Deepening-Governance on ANRM as integral part of life support & ecosystem, My involvement would facilitate to bring the attention on how to capitalize-mainstream resources impact to livelihoods & bring drought-resilient-process, combating drought and desertification , bring building social & ecological capital at local level for global perspective that may be supporting to UNCCD agenda . Support to UNCCD to localize the global goals with the time honored improved knowledge and demystify technology towards better application linking with water-culture, nature and life style & livelihoods resilience.

**What would you bring from the UNCCD SPI to the CSO community?**

Trust I will learn more from the galaxy of experts from UNCCD as am a team-player working in tough & challenging-conditions. As part of SDGs, I will try my best to inculcate idea, thoughts, themes , technology , tools , framework strategy for undertaking citizen action on minimizing risks due to climate induced droughts as one of the Next-Development-Challenges..

**And how would you do this?**

Since my experience and exposure is for social & natural capital building, I will try best to developing learning-linking-livelihoods- leveraging resources towards better community perception in blending with technology with articulated development communication for UNCCD & Network partners. Hope UNCCD SPI ,will help me to put forth my best ability to advocate local action & community resilience with added skill building , more inclusion , innovation in Do No Harm , Peace building , justice , degradation, migration & refugee , climate vulnerability and to develop a global networking towards resilient development and environmental sustainability