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- **Describe UNCCD with 3 words only :**  
Earth's insurance policy!

- **How different the UNCCD is today from the time you joined the secretariat?**

The UNCCD was seen as only vital for the arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid lands. Now the world appreciates its universal importance to sustainable development and the achievement of Agenda 2030. Science now plays a real role in the process, allowing for measurement of actual progress being made on the ground, which is central to the very existence of the UNCCD. Land is now clearly seen as the nexus between climate change and biodiversity protection, and so achieving Land Degradation Neutrality for which the UNCCD is the Global custodian is now a universal goal. Yes, the UNCCD is far different in the sense of its scale, importance and role in the overall sustainable development agenda.

- **Your 3 most precious memories?**

1. Seeing LND included in the Agenda 2030.
2. Having the UN declare June 17 WCCD.
3. Having most countries in the world ratify the Convention.

