

**Side-event**

**Land-based Transformative Projects:  
Delivering land, climate and biodiversity  
benefits at scale**

**Co-hosted by the 3 Rio Conventions**



**United Nations**  
Convention to Combat  
Desertification



**Convention on  
Biological Diversity**



**United Nations**  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change

**Wednesday, 13 September, 13:00-14:30 h**

**Venue: Ordos International Convention and Exhibition Center  
Rio Conventions Pavilion**

**Facilitated by:**

Mrs. Catalina Santamaria (CBD)

Mr. Claudio Forner (UNFCCC)

Mr. Markus Repnik (UNCCD)



# Agenda

13:00 - 13:05	<b>Opening speech, Mrs Monique Barbut, UNCCD Executive Secretary</b>
13:05 - 13:35	<b>Presentations of innovative land-based transformative projects.</b> Facilitation by Mrs Catalina Santamaria (CBD)  1 – LDN Fund Project in Peru (Mr Etienne Desmarais, CEO EcoTierra) 2 – LDCF/UNDP Project in Bhutan (Mrs Karma Dorji, UNCCD NFP, Bhutan) 3 – GEF/FAO Project in Turkey (Mr Mustafa Abdullah Yurtoglu, UNCCD NFP, Turkey)  Presentations outline: -Why is the project transformative? -How does the project contribute to LDN? -What benefits does the project provide in terms of climate and/or biodiversity?
13:35 - 13:55	<b>Panel of funding sources representatives (GEF, BOAD, LDN Fund, World Bank)</b> Facilitation by Mr Claudio Forner (UNFCCC), Panelists : Mrs Chizuru Aoki (GEF), Mrs Solange Yayi Allechi (BOAD), Mr Gautier Queru (LDN Fund), Mrs Magda Lovei (World Bank)  GEF, BOAD, LDN Fund, World Bank representatives join the panel, and provide 5 min statements on the contribution of their organization to land-based transformative projects and synergies between Rio conventions, and highlight the challenges faced in sourcing and developing transformative projects
13:55 - 14:25	<b>Questions and answers / Discussion</b> Facilitation by Mr Markus Repnik (UNCCD)  Guiding questions  -What is the importance of land-based transformative projects serving Rio conventions objectives? -What leading funding sources can offer to unleash land, climate and biodiversity benefits? -What are the challenges and missing pieces?
14:25 - 14:30	Take away messages from the facilitators

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