



Montenegro Land Degradation Neutrality Targets



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On behalf of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro, I would like to present the compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

As you might be aware, after the adoption of the SDGs in 2015, Government of Montenegro took an initiative to contribute to sustainable development through nationalization of the SDGs and undertook active measures to adjust SDG agenda and its targets to the national circumstances and to advance their implementation.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) with the support of the Global Mechanism (GM) has established a global programme to support National Voluntary Target Setting (TSP) for LDN. Montenegro has joined this programme and gone through all steps defined by LDN TSP.

In order to contribute to implementation of SDG Target 15.3 which aims to "combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world" by 2030, the National Working Group, established within LDN Target Setting Programme, identified the following national voluntary targets for 2030:

1. Avoiding, minimizing land degradation and redirecting land use changes on the whole territory of the country
2. Increase of land productivity on agricultural land on the whole territory of the country

3. Protection of natural ecosystems from wildfires and floods on the whole territory of the country
4. Improvement of soil monitoring system

This is in line with our National Strategy for Sustainable Development by 2030 (NSSD) which represents a long-term development strategy of Montenegro and sets out solutions for sustainable management of four groups of national resources: human, social, natural and economic ones, which are set as priorities of the overall sustainable development of the Montenegrin society.

The identified targets are also in correspondence with the following specific strategic goals of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development by 2030: Halting the degradation of values of renewable natural resources; Efficient management of renewable natural resources; Sustainable spatial planning; Efficient use of metallic and nonmetallic resources; Mitigation of natural and anthropogenic hazards impacts.

We are looking forward to our future cooperation in successful implementation of the SDGs. Please accept the assurance of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

 **MINISTER**
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