



CRIC 17 Third Interactive Session¹

Tuesday, 29 January 2019

Identifying emerging innovative financing opportunities to combat land degradation

Time: 10:00 to 11:30 A.M

Venue: CRIC 17 Plenary Hall- Arthur Chung Conference Center (ACCC), Georgetown, Guyana.

Organizer: Global Mechanism

Objective of the interactive session

The session will present the findings of the global analysis of financial flows (ICCD/CRIC(17)/INF.3) and exchange ideas on overcoming the barriers to financing and identifying innovative sources of financing for UNCCD implementation. This session will also provide opportunity to Parties and development partners to discuss on the options to leverage financing for UNCCD implementation and shared recent experiences.

Organization of the session

a) Panellists: The panel will be composed of the conventions institutions, the Global Environment facility (GEF), one representative from Multilateral Development Bank (MDB), one CSO involved in innovative finance, two NFP representatives, and a Mirova representative.

b) Interventions: The session will be opened by the CRIC Chair who will then request the representatives of the Global Mechanism to make an introductory statement and a presentation and facilitate this dialogue. The floor will be provided to different panellist. After all the presentations, the floor will be opened for interventions by country Parties and other participants. Please note that following past practice, priority will be given to Parties, followed by UN agencies and IGOs and CSOs. At the end the panellists will have the opportunity to respond to questions.

¹ *There are 3 interactive sessions organized during CRIC 17:*

1 – Progress made in setting land degradation neutrality (LDN) targets and advancing towards LDN implementation

2. The Gender Action Plan of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) as a tool to improve the living conditions of affected populations. First experiences and the way forward

3. Identifying emerging innovative financing opportunities to combat land degradation



c) Interventions from the floor

The delegates from country Parties are encouraged to share their countries' experiences desertification financing. Delegates from IGOs, NGOs, bilateral donors, and other UN agencies are encouraged to also share their views and experiences on how financing for UNCCD implementation can be increased or share their experience with innovative source of financing contributing UNCCD implementation.

4- Outcome of the session

Conclusions and recommendations contained in document ICCD/CRIC(17)/7 and key issues emerging from this interactive session will be integrated in the conclusion and recommendations section of the final report of CRIC 17. They will form the basis of particular draft text for decisions relating to financing that will be presented to CRIC 18. Following past practice, draft text for decisions will be discussed during the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 14) during the last quarter of 2019.
