



CRIC 17 First Interactive Session¹

Monday, 28 January 2019

Assessment of Implementation - Strategic objective 1: **Progress made in setting voluntary land degradation neutrality (LDN) targets and advancing towards LDN implementation"**

Time: 15:00 to 16:30 P.M

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

Organizer: Global Mechanism

Objective of the interactive session

Since December 2015, a total number of 119 country Parties committed to set voluntary targets in the context of the land degradation target setting programme (LDN-TSP). During CRIC17, countries will have the opportunity to exchange experiences on how they have advanced in the articulation of voluntary LDN targets and associated measures, and their implementation through the development of relevant projects/programmes in support of LDN implementation.

Organization of the session

a) Panellists: The panel will be composed of the conventions institutions, the Global Environment facility (GEF), four (4) LDN-TSP country Parties presenting different experiences on the LDN process, including LDN implementation.

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 CRIC Chair will then give the floor to the different panellists for their interventions. After all the presentations are given, the floor will be open for interventions by country Parties and other CRIC 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

In order to contribute to a fruitful discussion during this interactive session, delegates from country Parties are encouraged to share their experiences on how they have advanced in the articulation of voluntary LDN targets and associated measures, and in advancing towards LDN implementation through the development of relevant projects/programmes. Delegates from IGOs, NGOs, bilateral donors, and other UN agencies are encouraged to also share their views and experiences on how they are contributing or can contribute in the future to support translating LDN targets into LDN implementation activities at country level.

4- Outcome of the session

Conclusions and recommendations contained in document ICCD/CRIC(17)/3 and key issues emerging from this interactive session will be included in the conclusion and recommendation section of the final report of CRIC 17. They will form the basis of particular draft text for decisions relating to the topic 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.
