

Land for Life Day event



The event was held on 12 September 2017 in the Rio Convention Pavilion at the occasion of the UNCCD COP13 in Inner Mongolia, China. The event aimed to raise the awareness of the COP13 participants on how compelling sustainable land management is in addressing global issues such as poverty, food insecurity, water scarcity, climate change and human security.

The UNCCD Deputy Executive Secretary Dr. Pradeep Monga opened the event. In his opening address, he stressed the need for leadership and actions to promote the achievement of Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN).

The event comprised of seven sessions:

- Introduction and Opening of Land for Life Day
- Meeting the UNCCD 2017 Land for Life Award Winners
- Scaling of restoration using digital technology
- Open discussion: Ensuring societal sustainability, stability and security is everyone responsibility?
- Policies & Land (Sharing of Future Policies Award Winners)
- Communication and its impact on land
- Closing and networking session

Each session drew more than 80 participants. The winners of the Land for Life Award and the Future Policy Award shared their success case and interacted with the participants. Sustainable Land Management practice experts from various institutions including NGOs (e.g. Future Forest, Regeneration International) and private sector (e.g. ELION Resources Group and ANT Finance Service) also spoke about ways to scale up restoration of degraded lands.



Speakers shared their insights on sustainable land management practices at the Land for Life Day event

Outcomes

- Eight award- winning sustainable land management success stories were highlighted
- Participants expressed interest in exploring mobile digital APP to promote land restoration
- Winners appreciated the opportunity to network with other potential partners