

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT AGENDA

9-10 SEPTEMBER 2019 | NEW DELHI, REPUBLIC OF INDIA

Investing in land; Unlocking opportunities



10:00 – 18:00

Ministers will have the possibility to deliver formal statements in a separate room designated for that purpose.

Venue

Main Committee Room

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BY INVITATION ONLY

08:00 - 09:15

Side-meeting 1-1

Event summary

High-Level Breakfast - The Great Green Wall of Africa: Delivering results at the forefront of the climate change fight

A high-level session co-led by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission. The objective of the session is to serve as an opportunity to take stock of progress, build momentum and galvanize support to fulfil the ambitions of the Great Green Wall.

Venue

MET 17

*** Participants may wish to inform UNCCD Secretariat, in advance, if they plan to take the floor.*

OPENING CEREMONY

10:00 - 12:30

Session 1-1

Event summary

Opening Ceremony of the High Level Segment (Please take your seats well in advance. Please note additional security advise via the following link : <https://bit.ly/2kzFPNB>)

Chair

H.E. Mr. Prakash Javedkar, President of COP 14 and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Republic of India

Speakers

- H.E. Mr. Prakash Javedkar, President of COP 14 and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Republic of India
- Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- H.E. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, Republic of India

Venue

Plenary Hall

COP 13 President - H.E Mr. Zhang Jianlong, Minister, State Forestry Administration of China
Representatives of regional groups **
Representatives of interest groups **

*** Names of speakers should be communicated to the UNCCD Secretariat before or during the first week of COP 14*

LUNCH

BY INVITATION ONLY

13:00 - 14:30

Side-meeting 1-2

Event summary

High-Level Luncheon on the land-climate nexus: promoting land-based solutions in addressing climate change

A high-level session co-led by the President of COP14 and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India and the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations. On the road to the Climate Action Summit, the lunch meeting will seek to address the land-climate nexus - not only for mitigation and adaptation but also to build resilience, to help meet the Paris Agreement and deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Venue

MET 14

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Special segment: Ministerial Round-table Discussions

By drawing attention to the human face of desertification, land degradation and drought, the special segment will bring political momentum to the deliberations of Parties and boost the engagement of diverse stakeholders in the implementation of UNCCD.

To assist delegations in preparing for the high-level segment, the secretariat has prepared information notes outlining some of the questions that ministers, and other heads of delegation, will be invited to consider during their deliberations.

****Translations in all six UN-languages provided**

MINISTERIAL SESSIONS

Delegates are kindly requested to register at the "registration desk" between 14:30 and 15:00 at the entrance of the respective meeting room and collect their country name plates. 30 seats per round table are exclusively reserved for participants at ministerial/VIP level.

15:00 - 18:00

Session 1-2

Event

Parallel Ministerial Sessions

*** Ministers and Heads of Delegation may wish to inform UNCCD Secretariat, in advance, if they plan to participate and take the floor in a specific roundtable*

Event summary

Roundtable 1

Land, Climate and Renewable Energy

The objective of this session is to secure guidance on how land-based solutions can be strategically deployed to fight climate change and deliver access to renewable energy for all.

Roundtable 2

Rural and urban communities: failing or flourishing together

The objective of this session is to secure guidance on how urban and rural areas can work together to manage the land sustainably.

Roundtable 3

Fostering a Global Movement for Ecosystem Restoration

The objective of this session is to secure guidance on how we can create and sustain a global movement for ecosystem restoration.

Venue

MET 16

MET 17

MET 19

Chair

H. E. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Ana Cristina Quiros, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Costa Rica

H. E. Mr. Nestor Bassiere, Minister, Ministry of Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change, Burkina Faso

Co-chair

H. E. Mr. Guðmundur Ingi Guðbrandsson, Minister for the Environment and Natural Resources, Iceland

H.E Mr. Almoustapha Garba, Minister, Ministry of Environment, Urban Safety and Sustainable Development, Niger

H. E. Honourable Dr. Mahendra Reddy, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development, Waterways and Environment, Fiji

BY INVITATION ONLY

19:00 - 20:30

Side-event 1-1

Event summary

Dinner reception and cultural event hosted by the Republic of India

Artists

Mr. Baaba Maal of Senegal
Mr. Ricky Kej of India

Venue

Hall 7

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Side-meeting 2-1

Event summary

High-level breakfast hosted by the Group of Friends on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought (DLDD) co-chaired by the Republic of Namibia and the Republic of Iceland.

Venue

MET 14

Special segment: Interactive dialogue sessions

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INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

10:00 - 11:30

Session 2-1

Event summary

[Interactive dialogue 1: A Values-Based Approach to Land Stewardship](#)

This dialogue will seek to look at and articulate how a values-based approach to land stewardship would help engage stakeholders, change mindsets about the true value of land and support implementation of the UNCCD.

Chair

St. Lucia

Panelists

Representatives of: Isha Foundation, Holy See, Indigenous Communities and Civil Society

Venue

Plenary Hall

11:30-13:00

Session 2-2

Event summary

[Interactive dialogue 2: Healthy Land: Healthy People](#)

This dialogue will seek to look at and articulate how an effective implementation of the UNCCD could have a positive impact on human health if the DLDD related drivers of ill-health were addressed in a multi-sectoral way.

Chair

Zambia

Panelists

Representatives of: Global Water Partnership, WHO, IPCC, Private Sector, Ministries of Health and Foreign affairs

Venue

Plenary Hall

LUNCH

BY INVITATION ONLY

13:00-15:00

Side-meeting 2-2

Event summary

[High-level luncheon on the Peace Forest Initiative hosted by the Republic of Korea](#)

Venue

MET 14

OPEN TO PARTIES

13:00-15:00

Side-meeting 2-3

Event summary

[UNEP/FAO consultation on the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030](#)

Venue

MET 6

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

15:00-16:30

Session 2-3

Event summary

[Interactive dialogue 3: Boosting Sustainable Value Chains for Land Based Businesses](#)

This dialogue will seek to look at the huge potential to build sustainable value chains from products sourced in the drylands or from restored land.

Chair

Ghana

Panelists

Representatives of: Private Sector, IRENA

Venue

Plenary Hall

CLOSING SESSION

16:30-18:00

Session 2-4

Event summary

[Final Statements](#)

Venue

Plenary Hall

PARTICIPANTS *



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Prime Minister of India



Ralph Gonsalves,
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Convention on Biological Diversity



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* Participants might be subject to change