

OSS SIDE EVENT

December 3rd 2025

 **1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.** –  **Caribe 7**

ACCELERATING LAND DEGRADATION NEUTRALITY: LESSONS, INNOVATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Anchored in the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework and SDG 15.3, the event highlights the catalytic role of the LDN Target Setting Programme 2.0 (TSP 2.0) in supporting countries to revise and operationalize their targets while strengthening monitoring and reporting through the PRAIS 4 platform.

The event will focus on two main thematic areas. First, national and regional experiences, drawing lessons from the revision and implementation of LDN 2.0 targets, particularly regarding participatory and inclusive approaches that strengthen ownership, while addressing challenges and sharing alternative solutions. Second, technologies and innovations, showcasing the use of high-resolution satellite data, Earth observation, artificial intelligence, and participatory tools such as the continental MISLAND-Africa platform and chatbots, which enable more reliable, transparent, and comparable monitoring and reporting at local, national, and regional levels.

Expected outcomes of the event include strengthened dialogue and exchange of best practices, wider uptake of innovative technologies for reporting through PRAIS, identification of pathways for mobilizing finance to support transformative projects, and enhanced North-South-South cooperation toward establishing regional reporting support centers. This side event will provide actionable recommendations to accelerate the achievement of LDN by 2030. Its contribution to CRIC23 will be to inspire greater alignment, foster partnerships, and highlight concrete tools and mechanisms that make reporting more effective and implementation more impactful.

SPEAKER

- **Mr. Mustapha MIMOUNI**, Director of the Technology, Information and Remote Sensing Department, Sahara and Sahel Observatory - OSS
- **Mr. Youssouf AMADOU**, Project Management Officer/ Project Coordinator, Sahara and Sahel Observatory - OSS
- **Ms. Maurille Elégbédé**, National Focal Point, *Ministère du Cadre de Vie et du Développement Durable*, Benin
- **Mr. Lamba BARTHELEMY**, National Focal Point CAR
- **Ms. Habiba KHIARI**, Programme Officer chez Global mechanism of the UNCCD
- **Ms. Ingrid Teich**, Senior Research Scientist, CDE Centre for Development and Environment (TBD)
- **Mr. Eric MUGU**, UNEP (TBD)
- **Mr. Laurent-Charles Tremblay-Lévesque**, IWRM Specialist at GWP

Draft Agenda

Session duration: 1.3 hours

Time	Title of presentation	Speaker / Structure
1 :15-1 :20	Welcome and overview of the session	Mustapha MIMOUNI /OSS
1 :20-1 :35	Accelerating Land Degradation Neutrality: Lessons, Innovations and Partnerships	Youssef AMADOU /OSS Mustapha MIMOUNI
1 :35-1 :55	Experience of Benin and the Central African Republic in implementing the LDN Target Setting Programme 2.0 (TSP 2.0)	Maurille EGBEDE /NFP Benin Lamba BARTHELEMY /NFP CAR
1 :55-2 :05	From Targets to Impact : UNCCD Tools and Mechanisms Supporting LDN Ambition	Habiba KHIARI / UNCCD
2 :05-2 :15	Bridging Field Evidence and National Reporting Through WOCAT Tools	Ingrid TBD /WOCAT
2 :15-2 :25	Unlocking Finance for LDN Implementation: Opportunities Through UNEP and Global Funding Mechanisms	Eric MUGU TBD /UNEP
2 :25-2 :30	Integrating Water Security and Drought Management Into LDN Planning	Laurent-Charles Tremblay-Lévesque /GWP
2 :30-2 :40	Discussion	All participants
2 :40-2 :45	Closing session	Mustapha MIMOUNI /OSS