



FARMER AND PASTORALISTCENTRIC SOLUTIONS TO MANAGING DROUGHTS, LAND, AND SAFEGUARDING LIVELIHOODS

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 ⊕ 8:30 - 10:00. – ↑ Caribe 4







This UNCCD CRIC side event will explore innovative, people-driven soil and water conservation measures and sustainable land management (SLM) interventions that can accelerate progress toward achieving Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets in Africa. Emphasizing approaches led and implemented by farmers and pastoralists, the session will showcase practical, community-driven solutions for restoring productivity in land degradation hotspots. Through case study presentations and an interactive panel discussion, participants will examine how locally adapted, participatory strategies – such as climate-smart soil management, water harvesting systems, nature-based solutions, and collective restoration initiatives – can be scaled and monitored effectively across the continent.

SPEAKERS

- Mr. Gergana Majercakova
- Mr. Mustapha MIMOUNI, Director of the Technology, Information and Remote Sensing Department, Sahara and Sahel Observatory - OSS
- Mr. Youssouf AMADOU, Project Management Officer, Sahara and Sahel Observatory - OSS
- National Focal Point, Benin (TBD)
- Mr. Laurent-Charles Tremblay-Lévesque, IWRM Knowledge Management Specialist at GWP
- Mr. Charles Lange, National Focal Point, Kenya (TBD)
- Mr. ILBOUDO Dieudonne, Ministry of Agriculture of Burkina
 Faso
- GEF, UNCCD GM, WOCAT

DRAFT AGENDA

Time	Title of presentation	Speaker
8:30-8:35	Welcome and overview of the session	Gergana Majercakova
8:35-8:50	LDN Target Setting and Programs in Implementing	Mustapha MIMOUNI
	the LDN Target Setting Programme 2.0 (TSP 2.0):	Youssouf Amadou, OSS
	Benin and Central African Republic cases	Benin NFP/TBD
8:50-9:05	DRESS EA Project and Soil and Water Conservation	Laurent-Charles Tremblay-
	Interventions in East Africa	Levesque, GWP
9:05-9:20	Kenya Case	Charles Lange, NFP Kenya/TBD
9:20-9:35	Burkina Faso Case: Zai and Half	ILBOUDO Dieudonne, Ministry
		of Agriculture of Burkina Faso
9:35-9:50	Panel Discussion on Policy Recommendations	
	 What are some of the common pitfalls in 	
	LDN?What are some opportunities	GEF, UNCCD GM, WOCAT
	 How will the new PRAIS allow countries to improve their LDN? 	Gergana Majercakova
	 How can we scale up implementation of 	
	WOCAT SLM tools?	
9:50-10:00	Closing	Gergana Majercakova

