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APPLICATION: Restoration Field Projects

Background

During the Saudi Arabian presidency of the Group of Twenty (G20), the leaders of the G20 launched the Global Initiative for Reducing Land Degradation and Enhancing Conservation of Terrestrial Habitats (henceforth referred to as G20 Global Land Initiative). The G20 Global Land Initiative has a global ambition of 50% reduction in land degradation by 2040. To ensure the effective implementation of this goal, an Initiative Coordination Office was established at the UN Convention to Combat Desertification. Moreover, the G20 Global Land Initiative is also leading the Land Challenge of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

The G20 Global Land Initiative is undertaking a series of activities around the world to promote land restoration at scale. These include sharing and showcasing best practices, working with the private sector to see restoration as a business opportunity, working with civil society to promote advocacy for land restoration, and working with global universities to build largescale capacity for restoration. As part of its activities, the G20 Global Land Initiative is interested in supporting up to 60 field restoration projects undertaken by civil society organizations with a view to promote community action for land restoration. Grant amounts range from USD 5,000 - 15,000.

Scope for Eligibility

1. Land restoration would mean improving land cover or land productivity and as such could involve reforestation, afforestation, sustainable agriculture, waste management avoiding land contamination, clean up of contaminated land, avoiding waterlogging, rewetting of peatlands and improving soil quality.
2. Ecosystem restoration work in any of the landscapes forests, grasslands, drylands, rangelands, croplands, peatlands, mangroves, soil, tundra and wetlands could be supported.
3. The restoration work can take place anywhere in the world, not limited to G20 member countries. Priority consideration will be given to submissions of civil society organizations from developing and least developed countries.
4. Both proposed and ongoing projects may be considered for support, though preference will be given to ongoing operations.
5. The funds may be utilized for expanding the area of restoration, improving techniques, use of new technology, providing technical assistance, conducting capacity building programmes or documentation of lessons learnt and communication of progress. Funds may also be used for a combination of the above.
6. Organizations must have an annual budget greater than USD 25,000 to be eligible. The funding should be used to upscale and elevate planned or ongoing efforts. Stand-alone projects solely depending on this grant will not be considered for support.
7. Multi-year support can be considered based on demonstrated progress of implementation of the project.

See more information on the G20 Global Land Initiative website: <https://g20land.org/grants-programme/>

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Section 1: Organizational Information

1. Name of Organization *

2. Address of Headquarters *

3. Website link *

4. Social Media Links *

5. Full name of the primary contact person *

6. Email address of the primary contact person *

7. Phone number of the primary contact person *

8. Name of the secondary contact person

9. Email of the secondary contact person

10. Phone number of the secondary contact person

11. Is your organization legally registered as a non-profit? *

Yes

No

12. If your organization is legally registered as a non-profit, in which country is the organization registered?

13. If your organization is legally registered as a non-profit, what is the registration number?

Section 2: Organizational Information (continued)

14. Is your organization accredited with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)? *

Yes

No

15. Is your organization accredited with any other United Nations entity? *

Yes

No

16. If your organization is accredited with another UN entity, please indicate which one below.

17. How big is your organization? *

1-5 personnel

6-20 personnel

20-50 personnel

50+ personnel

18. How many years has your organization been in operation? *

1 to 3 years

4 to 9 years

10+ years

19. Does your organization perform an annual audit? *

Yes

No

20. What was the annual budget (in USD) for your organization in 2023? Please note that your organization must have an annual budget greater than USD 25,000 to be eligible. *

- USD 25,000 – 49,999
- USD 50,000 – 99,999
- USD 100,000 – 999,999
- Greater than USD 1 million

21. Does your organization have written accounting policies and procedures? *

- Yes
- No

Section 3: Project Information

22. Name and website(s) for the project (please include any relevant links):

23. What is the primary goal of the land restoration project? (500 words max) *

24. What specific environmental benefits will this project provide? (500 words max)

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25. How will the local community be involved in the project? What are the direct and indirect benefits to the local community? How will you incorporate the perspectives of project stakeholders, especially women, Indigenous Peoples, and other historically marginalized communities, into the design and delivery of your project? (500 words max)

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26. What is the timeline for the project (start and end dates)? *

27. What is the geographic location(s) of the project (city/country/countries)? *

28. What is the approximate size of the land to be restored (in hectares)? *

29. What are the current conditions of the land, including any degradation or pollution issues?
(250 words max) *

30. Please list and describe up to three subnational area(s) of interest for your project (e.g. the name of the ecosystem(s), protected area(s), subnational jurisdiction(s), etc.). (250 words max)
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Section 4: Project Implementation (continued)

31. What specific restoration techniques will be used? (500 words max)

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32. What is the detailed budget for the project? *

33. How will the grant funds be used specifically? (500 words max) *

34. Is this project part of a larger, ongoing project with other sources of funding? *

Yes

No

35. What type of technology or equipment will your organization use to support the project? (500 words max) *

36. What plans are in place for maintaining the land post-restoration? (500 words max) *

37. Describe your monitoring and evaluation plan. How will the success of the project be measured? What are the key performance indicators? How will you track progress throughout the project? How you will evaluate your work at the end of the project? (500 words max) *

38. What potential risks and challenges could impact the project? How will these risks be mitigated? (500 words max) *

39. What experience does the team or organization have with similar projects? Are there any relevant qualifications or partnerships that strengthen the project's feasibility? (500 words max) *

40. Please list any proposed partners or beneficiaries of this project, including the organization name and website, your past experience working with that partner/beneficiary, and what role the partner organization will have in your project. (250 words max)

41. Please provide any maps, photos, scientific data, audit reports, and other relevant documentation to support the application. Also include letters of support or endorsements from community groups or environmental experts. Please list each document in the box below and email the documents to G20ICO@unccd.int.

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