



DRYLANDS SUMMER SCHOOL

2nd Drylands Summer School

12-15 September 2024, CIFOR-ICRAF Campus, Nairobi (Kenya)

Registration pack

Thank you for having registered your interest to receive information about the 2nd Summer School, to be celebrated in Nairobi, Kenya, between 12th and 15th September 2024. The Summer School offers 25 places to participate, available to experts, planners and policy makers who have expertise or operational responsibilities in management of drylands production systems.

The summer school is sponsored by the G20 Global Land Initiative, working alongside other partners including the Center for International Forestry Research – World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) hosted by the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) of the University of Bern, The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), the Agricultural Research Council of South Africa and the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP).

This 2nd Summer School will build capacities to follow-up, monitor, and provide feedback on solutions to sustainably manage dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral resources, with a special focus on pastoralism-based systems. It will further train experts, practitioners and researchers on the transformational approach to dryland resilient systems.

This registration pack provides you with all the information needed to submit your application and be part of the selection process to participate in the Summer School. If you are interested in participating, please follow the steps outlined in this document.

Communication email

The Committee on Forestry Working Group's email address Drylands-WGCOFO@fao.org, will be the only valid address to communicate with the organization. Please write to this email with any doubts, questions, or concerns. Kindly also remember to always start your subject with the tag **#2ndSummer School**.

You will be receiving updates through the email account you registered with in the expression of interest. If you use a different account to fill in the application form, please be advised that you will be receiving emails only to that address.





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Application form

The first step to participating in the Summer School is filling in the application form using [this link](#). The form includes 20 brief questions and takes around 10-15 minutes. Please ensure that you use a working email address and that all answers are faithful. A few days after your submission you will receive confirmation of your submission with further instructions.

The deadline for application forms is the **5 July, 2024 at 23:59 hours CEST**.

Curriculum vitae

You should prepare a **short curriculum vitae**, 2 pages maximum, focused on your experience of drylands forests and agrosilvopastoral systems. You will be required to submit your CV by email after you complete the application form.

Language

The Summer School will be entirely held in English, including fluent conversation and complex technical exchanges. Please, make sure that your English language skills are up to the task prior to applying to the Summer School.

Selection

The selection process will be handled by a commission of the Summer School partners, led by the FAO Drylands team. The application form and the CV will be the main source of data for selecting the summer school's participants. The main valuation criteria include experience, training and commitment to drylands and their production systems, along with balancing criteria regarding gender, geographical distribution, and background. The selected applicants and reserves will be notified around the **15th of July**. You could be required to demonstrate your qualifications by submitting official credits or certificates at any time during the selection and registration process.

Prerequisites

Selected applicants will be required to include two additional prerequisites prior to having their registration confirmed:

- 1) Complete the online FAO course [Transforming Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems](#), in FAO's e-learning academy. This is a certified course, with a duration of about 3 h 40 m. Upon completion you will earn a digital badge to be shared with your application.





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- 2) Prepare a short case study based on your field experience to share with fellow participants and work on throughout the Summer School. After your selection we will provide you with an online template to fulfil, so all case studies are similarly prepared.

Travel and accommodation

The 2nd Summer School is a free activity. Participants are required to cover their own expenses regarding travel and accommodation. The organization will provide information and support to facilitate the participants arrangements.

Sponsoring

A few grants have been issued to support travel and accommodation of participants who may need this additional support. We will communicate to you how to apply for these grants and the valuation criteria. Additionally, we encourage participants to seek support from your organizations, other organizations in your countries and local, state and national governments. The COFO WG will encourage country members to support national participants selected.

Follow-up

The Summer School is not meant as an isolated training event. Participants will be encouraged to participate and be part of a “Community of Practice” with participants of other editions of the Drylands Summer School and other related projects. The organization will support participants to join and contribute to these networks.

Provisional program. Intended Learning Objectives:

1. **Understand Challenges and Approaches:** a thorough understanding of the challenges in sustainable dryland management and participatory approaches for monitoring restoration interventions in agrosilvopastoral systems.
2. **Review and Apply Monitoring Frameworks:** Adapt, modify and (re)-apply a framework for monitoring and providing feedback on drylands projects, focusing on sustainable management, adaptation, and restoration.
3. **Co-define Indicators and Gather Data:** Collaborate with local stakeholder to define cross-cutting sets of indicators and gather field data.
4. **Share Work and Build Community:** Present and exchange your own work on monitoring drylands with peers and initiate the building blocks for a long-term community of practice.





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Provisional program. Topics per day (subject to changes):

<p>Day 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Keynote presentation – setting the scene • Getting to know each other • Presentation of case studies • Landscape mapping (case work in groups) • Principles and practices of monitoring drylands • Individual action plan 	<p>Day 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field practice
<p>Day 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reflection • Effective participation and multi-stakeholder processes for monitoring • Adapting and modifying monitoring frameworks (+case work in groups) • Development of sustainable indicators (+case work in groups) • Individual action plan 	<p>Day 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reflection • Participatory monitoring tools: modern technological options for increased citizen science and participatory monitoring (+case work in groups) • Individual action plan & InterVision • Building blocks for a long-term community • Next steps, evaluation & closing

Acknowledging all the above, we will be delighted to have you onboard. Please, fill in the application form using a laptop or computer. We are planning a wonderful Summer School and you can be part of it. Please, start by [filling-up the application form using this link](#)

