



Global Changemaker Academy for Parliamentarians (G-CAP)

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BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

Land resources – soil, water, and biodiversity – provide the foundation for the wealth of our societies and economies. They meet the growing needs and desires for food, water, fuel, and other raw materials that shape our livelihoods and lifestyles. However, the way we currently manage and use these natural resources is threatening the health and continued survival of many species on Earth, including our own.

Conserving, restoring, and using our land resources sustainably is a global imperative: one that requires moving to a crisis footing, enabling all stakeholders to go beyond existing development and business model paradigms to activate a transformative land restoration agenda for people, nature, and the climate. Parliamentarians, as policy-shapers on land conservation, sustainable management, and restoration issues are a critical force at the national level to drive land conservation and restoration efforts.

The Coordination Office of the G20 Global Initiative on Reducing Land Degradation and Enhancing Conservation of Terrestrial Habitats (the Global Land Initiative or GLI) partnered with the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC) to conceptualise and deliver a global academy for legislators from around the globe to understand the urgency of protecting and managing our land resources and championing land management, restoration and conservation in their respective national contexts mainly through strengthening policy frameworks, public institutions and capacities. The academy envisaged complementing the multipronged efforts of the GLI to reach its stated goal: to prevent, halt and reverse land degradation and reduce degraded land by 50% by 2040.



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES

The Global Changemaker Academy for Parliamentarians (G-CAP) is a platform for parliamentarians from across the world to come together to explore the criticality of the land restoration agenda globally and in their national and local contexts. G-CAP sought to offer a safe space where participants could share concrete examples and practices from diverse countries and from various sectors across the world, unpacking policies that worked to help advance progress on the land restoration agenda as well as learn from policies that failed to avoid pitfalls arising from unsustainable practices.

The inaugural G-CAP took place in 2023 with the intention of becoming an annual event. Subsequently, in 2024, the G20 GLI and UNSSC joined forces once more to organize the second G-CAP in Bonn, Germany.

Learning Objectives

The second Global Changemaker Academy for Parliamentarians (G-CAP) took place in Bonn, Germany, focusing on the following specific learning objectives:

By the end of each 5-day academy, participants will:

- Recognize the critical need for a sustainable land restoration agenda and its importance in addressing global crises and in achieving national priorities.
- Reflect on the complex trade-offs in land conservation, maintenance and restoration and the importance of robust policy support to achieve sustainable transformation
- Be aware of key approaches to land restoration globally and learn from peer experience and global successes and failures
- Be inspired to advocate for and support the strengthening of national policy to achieve the objectives of the G20's Global Initiative on Reducing Land Degradation and Enhancing Conservation of Terrestrial Habitats.
- Become part of a Community of Practice dedicated to life-long learning, hosted on a Social Learning Platform for peer exchange and up-to-date resources and tools for course alumni.

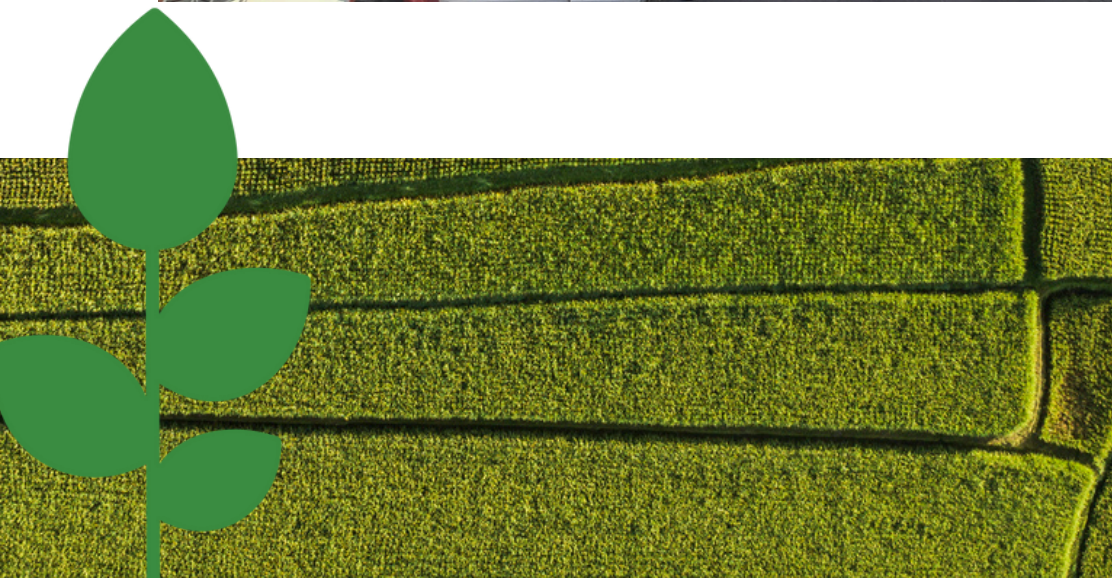


Target Audience

G-CAP is a prestigious program, offered on an annual basis through exclusive invitation to 30 parliamentarians. Selection criteria are based on the programme's relevance to their legislative duties and their potential to instigate impactful change within their respective national or local spheres.

The inaugural G-CAP cohort in 2023 comprised 29 parliamentarians from 24 different countries. The second cohort in 2024, 30 parliamentarians from 29 countries were selected, following a rigorous evaluation of 136 applications from 37 countries. Of the chosen parliamentarians, 24 Members of Parliament representing 23 countries attended the G-CAP held in Bonn, Germany.

The demographic breakdown of the cohort included 11 Members of Parliament from Africa, 4 from the Caribbean, 3 from North America, 3 from South America, 2 from Asia, and 1 from Europe. The cohort comprised 13 female Members of Parliament and 11 male Members of Parliament.



Agenda



Mon 05/8	Tue 06/8	Wed 07/8	Thu 08/8	Fri 09/8
8:30 - 9:30 Registration	9:00 – 9:30 Reflections		9:00 – 9:15 Impressions from Field Visit	09:30 – 11:00 Media Training Feedback
9:30 – 10:00 Welcome and Opening	9:30 – 10:15 Masterclass Legislating on Land Issues		9:15 – 10:15 Masterclass Social Media Messaging on Land II	11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break
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11:00 – 12:00 Context Setting and Rules of Engagement	11:00-11:30 Coffee Break		11:30-12:00 Coffee Break	
12:00 – 12:45 Masterclass Principles of Land Restoration	11:30 – 12:15 Masterclass Gender and Land		12:00 – 12:30 Workshop Ecopreneur Booth	13:00 – 14:00 Building Political Support for Land
12:45 – 13:45 Lunch	12:15 – 13:45 Lunch	8:00 – 18:00 Field Visit to Eschweiler: Open Cast Mine and Surroundings	12:30 – 14:00 Lunch	
13:45 – 14:30 Workshop Principles of Land Restoration	13:45 – 14:30 Workshop Gender and Land		14:00 – 15:00 Masterclass Ecopreneur Panel	
14:30 – 15:30 Activity Media Training	14:30 – 15:30 Masterclass Community Rights and Land		15:00-15:30 Coffee Break	14:00 – 14:30 Closing
15:30-16:00 Coffee Break			15:30 – 16:30 Global Land Initiative Marketplace	
16:00 – 17:00 Masterclass Social Media Messaging on Land	15:30-15:45 Coffee Break		16:30 – 17:30 Masterclass Taking GCAP Forward	14:30 – 15:30 Lunch
17:00 – 18:00 Masterclass Climate, Land, and Multilateralism	16:00 – 16:30 Field Visit Briefing			
19:00 Dinner at Bastei	18:30 Reception at Townhall		19:00 - 22:00 Rhine Cruise & Dinner	





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Ex-Minister of Education Nepal/
GCAP 2023 Alumni



H.E. Carlos Alvarado Quesada
48th President of Costa Rica



Social Media Presence

“For local communities all around the world, territory means identity. Whenever there is a violation of community’s land rights, for some of us it may just be another news, but for them, it’s a matter of preserving their way of life.”

Emmanuela Shinta
Dayak Changemaker/ Founder Renu Wetum Foundation

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emmanuelashinta 4w • Territory means everything for Indigenous communities. Here are the 3 key messages I delivered at G-CAP

- Closing the gap
To achieve global climate resilience, scaling up efforts to close the gap in rights recognition for IP and LC should be at the top of the global development agenda.
- Strengthening legal frameworks
Countries must have adequate legal frameworks to recognise IP’s tenure rights and protect environmental defenders, and it requires political will to pass the laws and capacity to implement them.
- Increasing investment toward implementation
The international community and donor organization need to provide the necessary technical and financial assistance to help Indigenous-led restoration and protection initiatives.

A A Rahim • 2nd Member of Parliament at Rajya Sabha-INDIA Member...

I am honoured to participate in the Global Changemaker Academy for Parliamentarians (G-CAP) 2024, an initiative by the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC) Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development, in partnership with the G20 Global Land Initiative under the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

This five-day leadership training programme, currently underway in Bonn, Germany, unites 24 parliamentarians across the globe. Together, we are looking into discussions on land conservation, maintenance, and restoration. The academy’s goal is to bolster the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, enriched by insights from distinguished land experts and senior UN leaders.

As a representative from India, I am eager to broaden my expertise and contribute meaningfully to the global dialogue on sustainable land management and environmental conservation. This is a remarkable opportunity to deepen my understanding and collaborate with fellow leaders dedicated to creating sustainable solutions.

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#UNCCD
#G20GLI
#UNSSC
#Parliamentarians
#LandRestoration
#Sustainability
#BonnGermany

Dr. Muralee Thummarakudy
Sree Sreenivasan

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Eschweiler, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

stiftungnachhaltigkeit Die Vereinten Nationen auf Exkursion in Eschweiler!

Knapp 30 Parlamentarier*innen aus verschiedenen Ländern haben gestern im Rahmen der Global Changemaker Academy for Parliamentarians (G-CAP) Eschweiler besucht. Bei der von den beiden UN-Organisationen @unssc und @unccd durchgeführten Exkursion standen die landschaftlichen Veränderungen durch den Braunkohleabbau in der Region sowie Erfahrungen und Herausforderungen im Zusammenhang mit der Rekultivierung ehemaliger Tagebauflächen im Fokus.

Viele der Teilnehmenden sind in ihren jeweiligen Ländern mit ähnlichen Ausgangssituationen konfrontiert und erhoffen sich, durch die Veranstaltung Ideen für die nachhaltige Gestaltung von Transformationsprozessen mitzunehmen.

Neben der @stadt.eschweiler beteiligten sich die RWE Power AG und ihre Forschungsstelle Rekultivierung, @nabu.nrw und @bund_nrw sowie der Förderverein Gedächtniskapelle Kirchspiel Lohr e.V. am Programm und ermöglichten der internationalen Delegation Eindrücke aus unterschiedlichen Perspektiven.

I AM DELIGHTED TO LEAD A MASTERCLASS AT THE GLOBAL CHANGEMAKER ACADEMY FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS (G-CAP)

Sree Sreenivasan
BONN, GERMANY
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Cofounder of Digitimers & President of SAJA

Working with 24 parliamentarians from around the world who are changing the world and doing their part to be #United4land. Thank you @G20GlobalLandInitiative, UN Convention to Combat Desertification @unccd, United Nations System Staff College @unssc for this opportunity.

#GCAP2024 #United4land #generationrestoration

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SHAPING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Finalizó el #GCAP2024. Dis intensos de aprendizaje y conocimiento, profundizando en la conservación de la tierra y la lucha contra su degradación. Un honor compartir esta experiencia con congresistas de todo el mundo.

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The 2024 Cohort@ G-CAP
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I AM GOING TO THE GLOBAL CHANGEMAKER ACADEMY FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS (G-CAP)

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Member of Parliament
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Opportunity to learn from scientists, researchers and explainers @unssc @unccd about global issues like climate change, land degradation, agricultural productivity declining, social media, equity and principles of policy making.

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