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Miyawaki Forest Symposium, Yokohama - A Compelling Method for Greening Urban Spaces

Developed by Professor Akira Miyawaki, the Miyawaki method harnessed native flora to rapidly re-green areas as small as 3m². From 10-14 October 2024, the G20 Global Land Initiative partnered with experts and the Japanese government to conduct a symposium on Miyawaki forests, their potential in both rural and urban spaces, and discussed their use as nature labs in Japanese schools. Learn more about the [symposium here](#), and check our social media ([Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#)) for full event coverage and recaps.

Stories

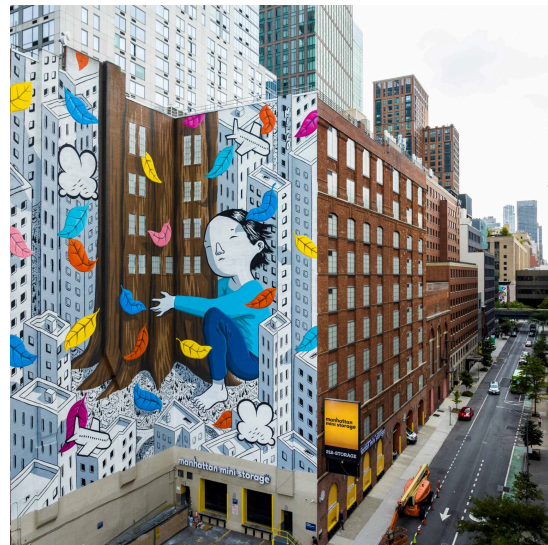


Triggering Change @ The Landscape Conference 2024

The third "Landscape 2024" conference took place on 17-19 September in Berlin. Bringing together the academic and private sectors, it was an opportunity to discuss agroecology topics and the G20 GLI's "Trigger Change!" course on sustainable agriculture and innovation.

Restoring Land Has Five Challenges, But Let's be Creative in Our Approach

In tandem with the UN General Assembly, murals depicting evocative nature scenes were commissioned to decorate New York. The author of this blog suggests that integrating the arts and other creative approaches to engage the public is crucial in complementing efforts to address challenges such as financing and regulation.



Music and Nature Unite in Haevn's New Single

Dutch musical duo HAEVN is urging people to reconnect with nature with their new single and video, "Great Mother", featuring Zimbabwean artist Neco Novellas. This release comes in support of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, underlining the importance of healthy ecosystems for all life on Earth.

Brazil's G20 Presidency: A Commitment to Global Biodiversity

As Brazil's G20 presidency transitions to South Africa on December 1st, the government released a document highlighting outcomes from the Environment and Sustainability Working Group (ESWG) meeting. They reaffirmed their commitment to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, emphasizing collaboration for sustainable biodiversity conservation.



In the Democratic Republic of Congo, a Bold Experiment in Farming and Forest Conservation Unfolds

The Congo Basin contains the world's second largest tropical rainforest. The DRC government, supported by the UN-REDD Programme, is pursuing an ambitious plan to combat deforestation while improving livelihoods and protecting indigenous peoples.

Biosaline Agriculture for Land Restoration – A Successful Gathering of Experts in Cairo

The G20 GLI, the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture, the League of Arab States, the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, and the Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands met in Cairo to discuss the potential of biosaline agriculture in arid environments.



Publications

Building Bridges for Land 9 Standardisation of E-learning Offerings Towards Achieving UN SDGs; event report

The 9th edition of the Building Bridges for Land series, BBL9, was held on 17 September 2024 and focused on the “Standardisation of E-learning Offerings Towards Achieving UN SDGs”. The hybrid event was held at the UN Bonn campus in Bonn, Germany and was hosted by UNCCD’s G20 Global Land Initiative. Participants learned about ICBA’s efforts in standardizing the e-learning trainings they offer for capacity development, particularly in saline and marginal environments, and how they contribute to achieving the UN SDGs. Read the report [here](#).

Changwon Initiative: First Decade Highlights

The Changwon Initiative has been an important success factor for some of the most significant results achieved by UNCCD over the past decade. Its collaborative and evidence-based approach empowers countries to safeguard the soil our lives depend on. The financial stability and strengthened political backing provided by the initiative – named after the COP10 venue Changwon and coordinated by the Korea Forest Service – enables UNCCD to act as the global voice for land. Read the report [here](#).

Meet the Team:



Bettina Reinartz

Admin and Travel Assistant

Bettina is a seasoned and dedicated professional in administration with more than 14 years at UNEP's Secretariat for Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas. Within the G20 Global Land Initiative team, she will be focusing on travel and administration.

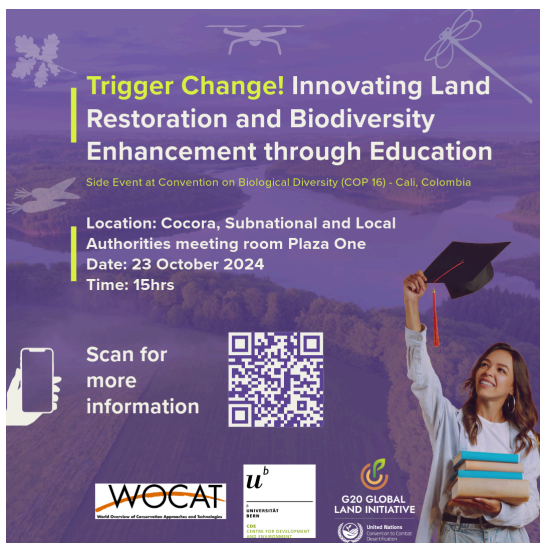
Vacancies

[Document Processing Consultancy](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 22 October 2024)

[Social Media Specialist](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 21 October 2024)

[Senior Events Moderator Consultancy](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 22 October 2024)

Events



[Trigger Change! Innovating Land Restoration and Biodiversity Enhancement through Education](#)

Dates: 23 October 2024

Location: Cocora, Subnational and Local Authorities meeting room Plaza One
Cali, Colombia



[Land Restoration in Lowlands-based Systems in Africa Post – Training Webinar](#)

Dates: 30 October 2024

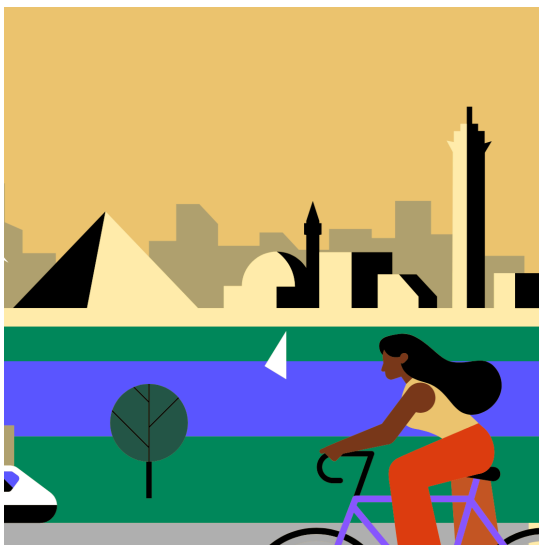
Location: Online (Zoom)



Enhancing the Assessment of Mining Impacts on Biodiversity through Artificial Intelligence and Earth Observation Data

Dates: 31 October 2024

Location: Paramos - NGOs meeting room, Plaza One, Cali, Colombia



Shaping Nature Positive Cities in the Arab Region

Dates: 6 November 2024

Location: Cairo, Egypt



Restoration Pavillion @ COP16: G20 GLI and UN Decade of Restoration - Events TBA

Date: 2-13 December 2024

Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Coming Soon! The website for the Restoration Pavilion at the UNCCD COP16. Join the UNCCD-G20 Global Land Initiative and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration in this Pavilion dedicated to discussions on restoration of all ecosystem types.



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