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Where Innovation Meets Nature: Explore the Restoration Pavilion

Step into the Restoration Pavilion at UNCCD COP16 in Riyadh—an immersive hub for groundbreaking action on land restoration! Hosted by the G20 Global Land Initiative and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, this pavilion will feature 150 visionary speakers, 43 dynamic side events, 4 exciting product launches, the first AI-generated movie on land restoration, a virtual museum exhibition and an interactive game. We invite you to explore the [website](#) and stay updated on the [full programme](#) as we count down to COP16.

Stories



Indigenous Voices and Nature's Genetic Data: The Big Outcomes of COP16, Cali

Historic agreements were reached at the UN Biodiversity COP16 in Cali, Colombia. Two major outcomes are the recognition of indigenous people's contribution to biodiversity and the establishment of a biodiversity fund financed by beneficiaries of nature's genetic data.

WUF12 Makes History: Record Attendance and a Call to Action for Cities

Coming to a successful close, the World Urban Forum (WUF12) in Cairo unveiled the Cairo Call to Action. The document details the key points of discussion at WUF12 and a call for the world's cities to engage with the potential solutions to urban problems discussed at the forum.



Elevating Youth Voices Ahead of UNCCD COP16, Riyadh

The AGFUND and UNCCD are partnering to launch the "Road to Riyadh and the Youth: Elevating Land and Drought Issues on the Global Agenda", in recognition of young advocates' contribution to land restoration. Young leaders will also convene at a youth forum held in parallel with UNCCD COP16 to discuss the youth's role in reaching Land Degradation Neutrality

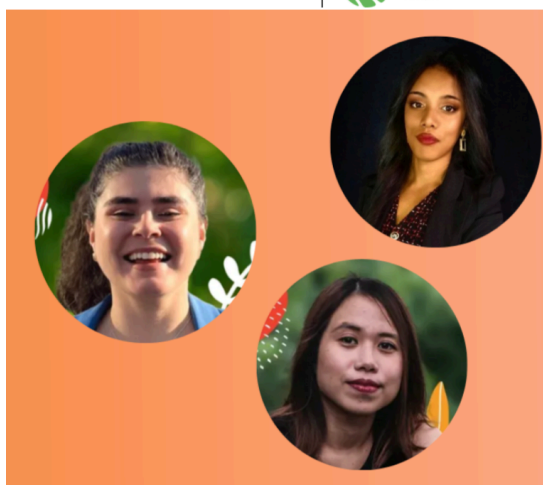


Training on Biosaline Agriculture Concludes, Strengthening Global Efforts in Land Restoration

The International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA) and G20 GLI successfully concluded the second edition of the "Biosaline Agriculture as an Approach to Land Restoration" workshop in Dubai. The workshop contained training on a range of best practices in this innovative style of sustainable land management.



THINK LANDSCAPE



What's at Stake at the COP16 Desertification Negotiations?

40% of land is degraded, affecting 3.2 billion people and putting half the world's GDP at risk. ThinkLandscape will be diving into the importance of UNCCD COP16's negotiation outcomes in the third and final episode of "What the COP?", broadcasting online on 19 November. Tune in for a compelling discussion in anticipation of UNCCD COP16, Riyadh.

Inspiring Change: Launch of Online Workshop for Educators

The upcoming Southeast Asia "Educators Training" online workshop is scheduled for Monday, 25 November to Friday, 29 November 2024. The four-day workshop is aimed at equipping educators to teach the university course, "Trigger Change! Innovative Sustainable Agriculture Solutions for Land Restoration". Registration is now open!

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Online Training of Instructors (ToI) course: **Southeast Asia**

Trigger Change! Innovative Sustainable Agriculture Solutions for Land Restoration

DATE / 25, 26, 28, 29 November 2024

TIME / 2-3 hours each day
13.30 WESTERN INDONESIAN TIME (GMT+7)

Course materials available through
<https://g20land.org/trigger-change/>

REGISTER HERE!

Educators, researchers, academics and agricultural professionals are encouraged to apply
All participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the program

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Publications

Digital Pathways to Land Resilience: Mobilizing Climate Finance

This brief, co-authored by GSMA and the UNCCD Global Mechanism, examines how digital technology can unlock climate finance for land restoration and resilience. Highlighting models like mobile fintech, asset financing, and digital carbon markets, it showcases how digital tools can bring climate funds to underserved communities, enhance transparency, and empower smallholder farmers. Read the brief [here](#).

Women-led Solutions for Drought Resilience

Launched on the occasion of the International Day of Rural Women (15 October), the report calls for better recognizing and supporting women-led efforts to protect vulnerable communities from the devastating effects of drought. It also underscores that women's land rights are crucial for achieving food security. Read the report [here](#).

Meet the Interns:



Nathanael Laffan

Communications Intern

With a BA in Music and English literature from University College Cork, Nathanael pivoted from the Arts into the world of sustainability by completing CHARM-EU's MSc in Global Challenges for Sustainability. Nathanael considers himself to be multidisciplinary, with academic and professional experience in event management, audiovisual media production, stakeholder management, and research. Nathanael's Master's studies ignited an interest in the One Health concept, environmental justice, and the inclusive implementation of sustainability policy. Nathanael's thesis project involved his research team producing a report and policy brief in collaboration with the UNFCCC regarding the role of technology in improving Water-Energy-Food nexus systems in Albania.

Vacancies

Senior Knowledge Management and Communications Associate | United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 19 November 2024)

Program Officer, Capacity Building and Innovation | United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 8 December 2024)

Events



UNCCD Youth Caucus: Road to UNCCD COP16

Dates: 10-30 November 2024

Location: Online



Organized by:



In support of:



Webinar: Setting up A Carbon Credit System with Local Farmers

Dates: 21 November 2024

Location: Online



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

Date: 2-13 December 2024
Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

<https://www.unccdcop16.org/>
<https://www.unccd.int/cop16/programme>



Land Day @ COP16

Dates: 4 December 2024
Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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People's Day @ COP16

Dates: 7 December 2024
Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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