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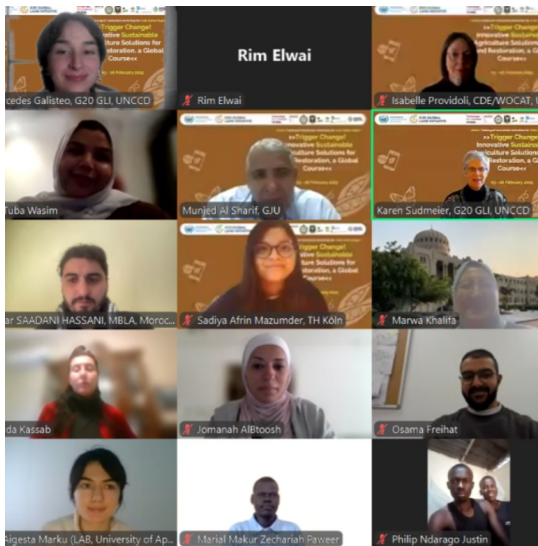


G20 GLI Returns to START Summit x Hack 2025

The G20 Global Land Initiative returns to START Summit and Hack 2025 to showcase land restoration ventures and promote green innovation. Highlights include eight Youth ECO ecopreneurs selected for their groundbreaking work in land restoration, a workshop on securing sustainable funding and a START Hack challenge focused on innovating for land management in the Sahel. Paula Padrino Vilela will deliver the keynote speech, *Unlocking the trillion dollar restoration economy: the power of technology, innovation and entrepreneurship*. The event will

foster collaboration among startups, investors and stakeholders, providing a platform to exchange ideas, attract investment and drive scalable solutions for land restoration. Through interactive discussions and networking opportunities, participants will engage with experts shaping the future of sustainable entrepreneurship and environmental resilience. Watch a behind-the-scenes video [here](#).

Stories



Triggering Change in the Arab States / MENA Region

Over 100 MENA educators attended a workshop on the “Trigger Change!” course, integrating sustainable agriculture, innovation and entrepreneurship. Hosted by the German-Jordanian University and partners, it introduced interactive teaching materials to support land restoration. Participants were encouraged to adopt the course. Find course material info [here](#).

Mongolia to Host Next UN Conference on Sustainable Land Management

Mongolia will host UNCCD COP17 in 2026, bringing 197 nations together to tackle desertification, land degradation and drought. The summit will advance rangeland restoration, climate resilience and sustainable land management while strengthening global commitments, investment and solutions for ecosystems, livelihoods and biodiversity.

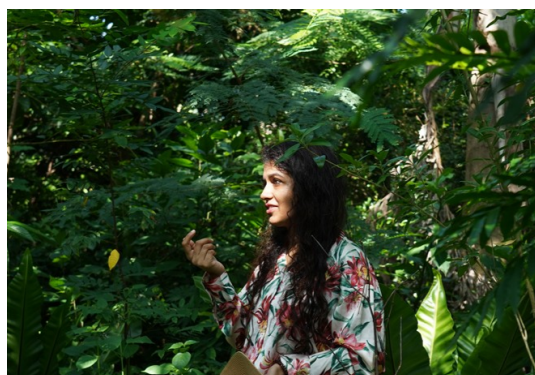


Agroforestry in Jimma, Ethiopia: A Story of Resilience and Restoration

In Jimma, Ethiopia, farmers are transforming barren land through agroforestry. Hussein, once doubtful, now earns a steady income from fruit trees thriving where crops failed. Supported by the Greening Drylands Partnership, this initiative restores soil, boosts livelihoods and inspires broader reforestation efforts. Watch the video [here](#).

From Barren to Bountiful: Kanha Shanti Vanam's Remarkable Restoration Journey

Once barren, Kanha Shanti Vanam now thrives with lush greenery and diverse wildlife. Guided by Dr. Ananya S. Rao, the



G20 GLI team explored its rapid reforestation success, innovative conservation techniques and nature-based solutions, showcasing how degraded land can be revitalized.



How Six Women are Helping Their Communities Adapt to Climate Change

Women worldwide are leading climate adaptation efforts. From beekeeping in Rwanda to agroforestry in the Philippines, they are restoring ecosystems, improving resilience and securing livelihoods. Their leadership challenges gender norms, demonstrating that climate action can also drive equality and economic empowerment.

Publications

Gender Issues in Post-Mining Land Restoration: Case Study on Ghana

This report highlights the GLI's efforts to strengthen women-led organizations and professionals in land-related fields to advocate for land restoration. By empowering women and youth through global conferences, webinars, online courses and roundtable discussions, the GLI builds alliances to influence policy and programs. As part of its women's engagement strategy, the G20 GLI held a three-day roundtable in Ghana on gender issues in post-mining land restoration featuring case studies that guided discussions from May 16-18, 2024. Find the report [here](#).

Global Land Restoration Economy: State of Play and Recommendations for Scale-Up

This report examines the concept of a restoration economy, emphasizing ecological restoration's potential to drive economic growth and create sustainable jobs. The United Nations has declared 2021-2030 the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, highlighting the urgent need for large-scale restoration. Land degradation affects agricultural productivity, environmental quality and community well-being. Reversing it is key to achieving land degradation neutrality and the Sustainable Development Goals. The United States' experience with a thriving restoration economy provides valuable lessons for other nations. Find the report [here](#).

Meet the Interns:



Keely Chauke

Intern

Keely Nicole Chauke is an emerging international relations professional with a strong background in public relations, business development and research. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the University of South Africa and is currently pursuing her BA Honours in International Politics. Keely has gained valuable experience in strategic communications and stakeholder engagement through her role as a Business

Development and Grant Funding Support (Research) Intern. Read more [here](#).

Vacancies

[Youth Engagement](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 17 March 2025)

[Youtube Content Manager](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 18 March 2025)

[Technical Expert South Africa Presidency](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 19 March 2025)

[Global Mechanism Business 4 Land](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 19 March 2025)

[Communications Consultant for Spanish Language](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 19 March 2025)

[Flow-Based Governance to Strengthen Urban-Rural Linkages](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 19 March 2025)

[Brazil Youth and Ecopreneurship](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 01 April 2025)

[Chief of Unit, Governing Body and Legal Affairs](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 02 April 2025)

[Programme Officer UNCCD/CBD](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 02 April 2025)

[Producing the Global Land Outlook Small Island Developing States: \(1\) Asia/Pacific Ocean \(2\) Americas/Caribbean \(3\) Africa/Indian Ocean \(3 Positions\)](#)| United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Deadline: 26 April 2025)

Events

UCUENCA | G20 GLOBAL LAND INITIATIVE

Capacitación a instructores para el curso:

¡Impulsar el cambio!

Soluciones innovadoras de agricultura sostenible para la restauración de tierras, un curso global.



17 - 21 de marzo
09:00 a 11:30 (GMT-5)
Modalidad virtual

Últimas Inscripciones

Escanea el código para registrarte



WOCAT | CIFOR | World Agroforestry | u | Technology Arts Sciences TH Köln | UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

Trigger Change! Innovative Sustainable Agriculture Solutions for Land Restoration - Latin America

Dates: 17-20 March 2025

Location: Online

Sign up [here!](#)

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SAVE THE DATE: Online Training of Instructors course: Europe

Trigger Change! Innovative Sustainable Agriculture Solutions for Land Restoration

DATE / Wednesday, 26 March to Friday, 28 March, 2025
TIME / 13:00 - 15:30 CET



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!

Educators, researchers, academics & agricultural professional are encouraged to apply.

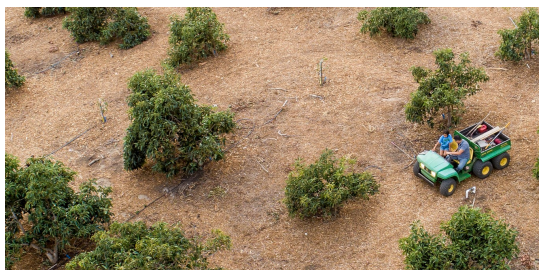
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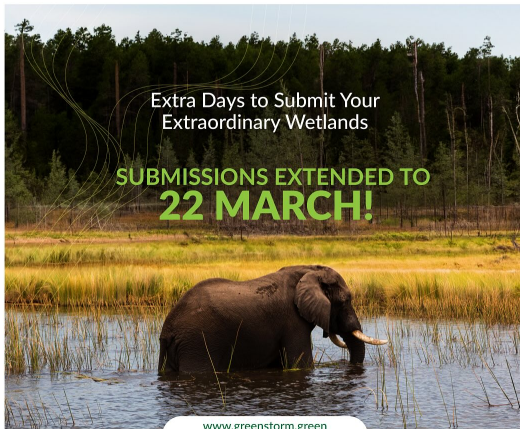
First Climate and Environment Sustainability Working Group Meeting

Dates: 26-29 March 2025

Location: Online



Sign up [here!](#)



16th Greenstorm Global Photography Competition

Winner: US\$10,000

Popular Choice: US\$5,000

3 Special Jury Mentions: US\$1,000 each

Application Deadline: 22 March 2025

Apply [here!](#)



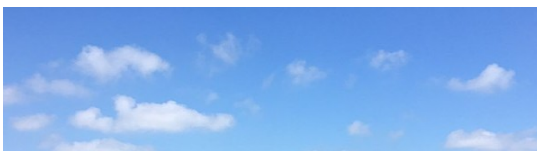
Reforest Fest 2025

Dates: 18-21 April 2025

Location: Bodhi Kaya Nature Retreat,
Walker Bay Conservancy, South Africa

Other [Tickets on sale now!](#)

Watch a video on the festival [here.](#)



The Convention on Wetlands: 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties



Dates: 23-31 July 2025

Location: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Sign up [here!](#)



International Symposium: A Global Call for Land Restoration Action

Dates: 15-17 September 2025

Location: Zeche Zollverein, Essen, Germany

Sign up [here!](#)



11th World Conference on Ecological Restoration (SER2025)

Dates: 30 September - 4 October 2025

Registration Deadline: 15 April 2025

Register [here!](#)



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