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Weekly 10–15 min conversations with scientists,
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G20 GLI Launches ‘Land Talks’: Bridging Policy, Practice and Communities

As part of its mission to promote global land restoration, the G20 Global Land Initiative presents *Land Talks Podcast*, a weekly podcast series amplifying unique voices and grassroots solutions from around the world. With the first two episodes now live, this 10–15-minute series spotlights different voices — from ministers and scientists to youth innovators and faith leaders. Each episode explores restoration-related themes such as finance, agriculture, technology and offers practical insights and evidence-based approaches for practitioners and policymakers.

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Stories

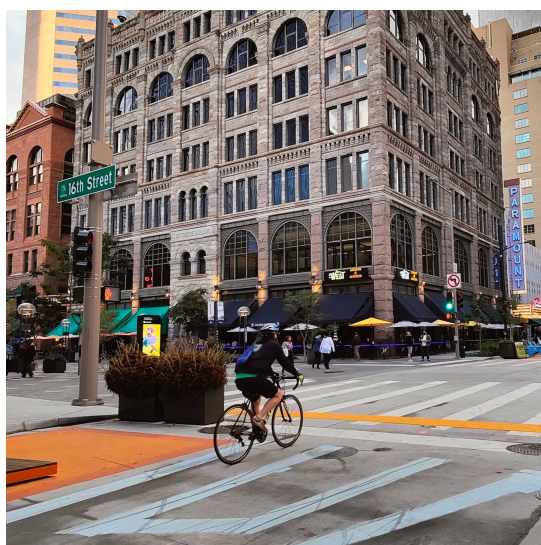


Education as Restoration: A Call to Action at IUCN World Conservation Congress

At the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi, G20 GLI showcased how education can drive restoration. The session *Triggering Change in Education for Sustainable Agriculture Systems* brought together experts and youth leaders to share open-access tools that empower universities and students to turn agriculture into a force for regeneration. Learn more about the session [here](#).

Planting Ideas, Growing Futures: Ecopreneur Training at Instituto Terra

The G20 GLI and Instituto Terra hosted an immersive five-day workshop in Brazil for 28 participants, exploring how land restoration can generate viable enterprises and sustainable livelihoods. Click to learn [more](#).



Cycling for Change: Exploring Urban Restoration at SER2025

At the SER (Society for Ecological Restoration) 2025 Conference in Denver, participants joined an urban restoration bike tour to see how the city is transforming degraded land into green, inclusive spaces. The tour ended with a G20 GLI-led workshop, *Trigger Change! Innovation in Urban Land Restoration*, exploring how cities can restore land while strengthening communities. Learn more about their experience [here](#).

World Cleanup Day: Soil health in Sierra Leone and Beyond

Stories from Sierra Leone on World Cleanup Day 2025 highlighted how soil—our foundation for survival—is threatened by floods, plastics and unsustainable practices. From local fields to global initiatives, such as the Great Green Wall, the message is clear: protecting soil is key to food security and a sustainable future. Read more [here](#).



How Spain is Turning an Iconic Lagoon from “Green Soup” into a Natural Oasis

Spain is restoring the Mar Menor lagoon through wetlands, green belts and sustainable farming to tackle pollution and revive biodiversity. The project combines science, policy and community action. Read the full story [here](#)!

Where Restoration Meets Culture: Our Visit to the Krenak Indigenous Community

The Krenak community and Instituto Terra are restoring the Atlantic Forest through a biodiverse agroforestry system that regenerates soil, supports livelihoods and preserves ancestral knowledge. Learn more about their work [here](#).





Generation Restoration Dialogues: Learning in Land Restoration

This session highlights how educators are shaping climate and land restoration through UN curricula and new Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). Watch the recording [here](#).

Publications

Global Land Outlook Thematic Report on Ecological Connectivity and Land Restoration

The report examines how strengthening links between land, water and biodiversity can accelerate restoration and resilience. It highlights the role of ecological connectivity in tackling land degradation, desertification and climate change.

Read [the summary](#), and [full report](#).

G20 Team Activity Report: Capacity Building Land Restoration as an Opportunity: for Startups and Entrepreneurs

From 1–5 September 2025, Instituto Terra in Aimorés, Brazil, hosted “*Land Restoration as an Opportunity: for Startups and Entrepreneurs*.” The five-day training combined theory, mentoring and field visits, bringing together 28 participants from 14 states to explore how restoration can spark innovation and sustainable business models.

Read the full report [here](#).

Securing Land and Livelihoods: Integrating Sustainable Land Management and Index Insurance for Drought Resilience

The report explores how integrating sustainable land management (SLM) with parametric climate risk insurance can boost resilience for smallholder farmers in the Global South. Amid rising heat, droughts and floods, it highlights the limits of traditional insurance models and the promise of satellite and mobile technologies to close coverage gaps.

Read the full report [here](#).

Meet the Interns:



Houye Dong

Intern

Houye Dong is a driven and adaptable individual with a strong passion for information security, full-stack development and Artificial Intelligence (AI)-native applications. He is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Information Security at Stockholm University. Houye has interned at multiple tech companies across Sweden and China, gaining practical experience in developing AI-powered tools, building secure services and implementing Devops pipelines. At Gaddr and Sumbios AI, he contributed to the development of LLM-based agents and productivity platforms, integrating technologies into production environments. Read more about Houye [here](#).

Vacancies

[Stakeholder Mapping and Stocktake for the Nature for Food Initiative](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Application period: 7–21 October 2025)

Events



Strengthening Civil Society Role in Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality Webinar Series

Date: 23 October 2025

Register [here](#).



2025 UN Climate Change Conference COP30

Dates: 10–21 November 2025

Location: Belém, Brazil

Register [here](#).



Webinar: The Future of Land is Listening

Date: 17 November 2025

Register [here](#).

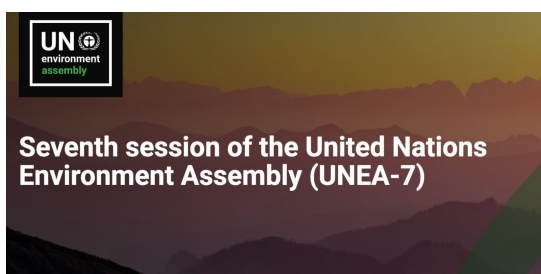


UNCCD CRIC23

Dates: 1–5 December 2025

Location: Panama City, Panama

Register [here](#).



7th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly UNEA-7

Dates: 8–12 December 2025

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Register [here](#).



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