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G20 Global Land Initiative **Annual Report 2025**

UNCCD G20 Global Land Initiative 2025 Annual Report

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification G20 Global Land Initiative (G20 GLI) has released its Annual Report for 2025, which shows a year of rapid scale-up, expanded global reach, major technology breakthroughs and unprecedented engagement across governments, civil society, youth innovators and the private sector. Explore full report [here](#).

Stories



Announcement of the YEPCO Awards - 31st March, 2026

Eight Finalists will pitch their ventures at ChangeNOW, Paris for international visibility and cash prize of US\$10,000. Full story [here](#).

Witness How Women and Water Transform Livelihoods in a Year

In India, Sarita Yogi leads women restoring degraded land through water harvesting and sustainable farming, supported by the G20 Global Land Initiative. Full story [here](#).





Building the Restoration Economy: Kenya Unveils its First Land Restoration Enabler Award

G20 GLI and ASSEK launch the award, recognizing ecosystem builders that empower restoration entrepreneurs. Explore full story [here](#).

Beyond Youth Washing: How a Youth Programme is Driving Youth Leadership at Global Policy Events

Youth ecopreneurs, supported by G20 GLI programmes, gain visibility, networks and influence - advancing restoration solutions. Explore full story [here](#).



Generation Restoration Dialogues: Wetlands, Land and the Climate Nexus

What happens when wetlands disappear? This session explores the climate consequences no one talks about. Watch the recording [here](#).

GENERATION RESTORATION DIALOGUES

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Wetlands, Land and the Climate Nexus
Exploring Earth's wetlands and how they save our climate.

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Four circular profile pictures of the speakers are shown at the bottom.

Land Talks Podcast

This series features diverse voices - from youth ecopreneur Martina Sikawa and Waso Boran elder Mohamed Halake to Abdulhadi Achakzai and Dr. Charles McNeil - all sharing valuable insights on land restoration. Listen to podcast [here](#).



Publications

Democratising Climate Change Mitigation Pathways Using Modernised Stabilisation Wedges

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing society. Many studies use complex models to design cost-effective pathways for reducing carbon emissions, but these models rely on numerous assumptions and are difficult for most people to understand. As a result, public views and priorities are often excluded. This study introduces a simple and inclusive framework to compare different climate strategies and develop decarbonisation pathways that better reflect people's values and preferences. Read full study [here](#).

State of the World's Migratory Species

This report, in a first — produced in response to decisions adopted at COP13 in 2020 — provides an overview of the conservation status of migratory animals. It outlines current trends, the main pressures they face and examples of conservation efforts supporting their recovery. The report aims to support evidence-based decisions and raise awareness of both challenges and successes in protecting migratory species, while also considering the broader range of species beyond those that are often listed. Read more [here](#).

Good Practice Guidance Addendum - SDG Indicator 15.3.1 - Proportion of Degraded Land Over Total Land Area

This addendum to the Good Practice Guidance for SDG Indicator 15.3.1 provides updated methodological guidance for countries reporting on the proportion of degraded land relative to total land area. Developed by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and WOCAT with their technical partners, it reflects lessons learned during the 2022 reporting cycle and supports more consistent and effective effort by countries. Find out more [here](#).

Meet the Interns:



Jiamian Wang

Intern

Jiamian Wang is an intern with the Communications Team of the G20 Global Land Initiative. He holds an MRes in Social Research with Distinction from University College London and First-Class bachelor's degrees in Fashion Management and Marketing from the University of Manchester and Zhongyuan University of Technology. With experience in digital marketing, market research and consulting, he applies analytical, evidence-based approaches to communication tasks and is committed to contributing to broader social, environmental and economic issues. Read more about him [here](#).

Vacancies

[Web GIS Developer \(Senior\) - Consultant](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
(Application period: 9 March, 2026 - 16 March, 2026)

[Web/Database Developer \(Junior\) - Consultant](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Application period: 9 March, 2026 - 16 March, 2026)

[Intern - Environmental Affairs](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Application period: 26 February, 2026 - 16 March, 2026)

[Communications Consultant \(Junior\)](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Application period: 11 March, 2026 - 18 March, 2026)

[Model United Nations Engagement Associate](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Application period: 12 March, 2026 - 19 March, 2026)

[Consultant - Restoration Economy](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Application period: 12 March, 2026 - 19 March, 2026)

[Consultant - COP17 Coordination and Negotiation Support](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Application period: 12 March, 2026 - 26 March, 2026)

Events



Webinar: Forest Futures - Guardians of Our Green Planet

Dates: March 17, 2026

Register: [here](#)



COP15 - Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

Dates: 23 - 29 March, 2026

Venue: Campo Grande, Brazil

Register: [here](#)



International Forum - Ecology of Big City

Dates: 24 - 25 March, 2026

Venue: St. Petersburg, Russia

Register: [here](#)



Conference - Forests as Hub of Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services in Anthropocene

Dates: 24 - 27 March, 2026

Venue: Coyhaique, Chile

Register: [here](#)



Replast Eurasia - 2026

Dates: 26 - 28 March, 2026

Venue: İstanbul, Türkiye

Register: [here](#)

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**ChangeNOW - World's Largest
Event for Planet Solutions**

Dates: 30 March - 01 April, 2026

Venue: Paris, France

Register: [here](#)



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