



## NEWSLETTER G20 GLOBAL LAND INITIATIVE / May 2026



### **From Knowledge to Action: How G20 GLI's Online Courses are Empowering Next Generation of Restoration Leaders**

As the world works to restore damaged ecosystems, education has a vital role to play. Our *Trigger Change!* courses show how open, interdisciplinary learning can equip people across fields and regions with the knowledge and tools to act. By combining science, practical skills and community perspectives, they help students, educators and professionals turn understanding into meaningful action while contributing to global knowledge. Explore full story [here](#).

## Stories



### **Türkiye Takes the Lead: Antalya Dialogue Drives Global Push for Integrated Action on Climate, Land and Biodiversity Ahead of the Three Rio COPs**

Antalya Dialogues emphasised land restoration as convergence across climate, biodiversity and land agendas. Read full story [here](#).

## **Call for Applications: Parliamentarians to Gather in Mongolia for Global Changemaker Academy on Land Restoration**

Applications open for parliamentarians from across the globe to converge in Ulaanbaatar this August. Read full story [here](#).

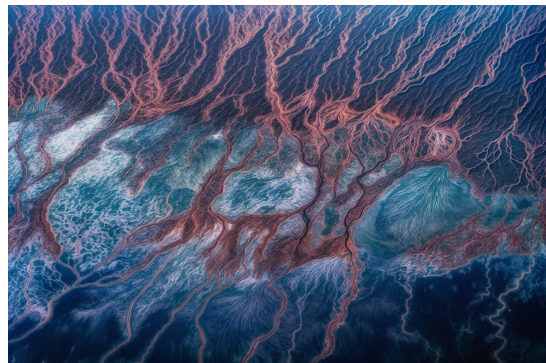


## **RestorLife Awards 2026 is Open for Applications**

The 2026 round of the RestorLife Awards is now open, celebrating the exceptional ecological restoration work being led by communities, organisations and restoration champions worldwide. Read full story [here](#).

## **Call for Submissions: Nature-Positive Actions Transforming Lives and Landscapes**

Global contributors are invited to submit positive transformation stories for this digital publication which will be launched at UNCCD COP17. Read full call [here](#).



## **Landmark Journey Carries Momentum from UNCCD Cop16 in Riyadh to Cop17 in Ulaanbaatar**

Launched in Türkiye, the Silk Road Caravan kicked off a journey across Eurasian countries to spotlight rangelands and pastoralist communities. Follow [here](#).

## Restoration Ecopreneurship in Practice: Innovation, Cacao and Community in the Brazilian Amazon

This is the story of young ecopreneurs restoring Amazon lands and empowering communities through agroforestry innovation. Read full story [here](#).

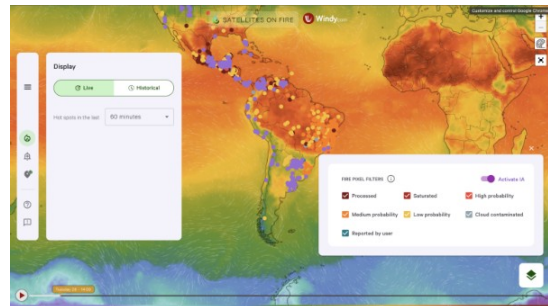


## Satellites on Fire: A New Era of Wildfire Detection

This is the story of the YECO 2025 winner - a climate-tech startup transforming wildfire detection through innovative AI-powered technology based on space data. Full story [here](#).

## Markets are Mobilising for Land and Ecosystem Restoration as Businesses Signal Their Interest

Explore how the Environmental Markets Conference 2026 highlighted the message of restoration with economic upliftment. Read full story [here](#).



## Green Business, Real Impact: How Youth Can Lead Green Business to Save Our Future

Global audiences joined our latest Generation Restoration Dialogue to explore how land restoration can be practical, profitable and economically powerful. Full story [here](#).

## **Ecopreneurs Answer Your Questions on Green Businesses and Our Planet**

After our last Generation Restoration Dialogues webinar, we followed up with our ecopreneur speakers to get answers to some of our audience's most pressing questions. Read full story [here](#).



## **Land Talks Podcast**

This series features diverse voices - from Senator Anthony Veieira, Cornelia Meyer, Sunday Geoffrey Mbafoambe, Wayne Frederick Truter and Rokiadou Traoré - all sharing unique insights on land restoration. Explore podcasts [here](#).



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# Publications

## **2026 Global Report on Food Crisis**

This report reveals that acute food insecurity and malnutrition remain at alarmingly high levels, with crises increasingly concentrated in a core group of countries. In its tenth edition, the report shows that acute hunger has doubled over the past decade. It provides a consensus-based assessment of acute food insecurity and malnutrition with the aim of guiding humanitarian and development responses. Read full report [here](#).

## **The United Nations World Water Development Report 2026, Water For All People: Equal Rights and Opportunities**

When access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH services) are lacking, women often carry the burden of sourcing water. However, they are underrepresented in water governance, limiting equal access to resources and harming health, livelihoods and food security. This summary highlights the link between water access, gender inequality and progress toward equality. Read full report [here](#).

## **Divergent Impacts of Flash Drought Drivers on Alpine Ecosystem Resilience**

Flash droughts generally reduce alpine ecosystem resilience. While soil moisture-driven events weaken resilience, temperature-driven events can seem to cause temporary improvements, likely from meltwater and short-term adaptation. These results suggest that apparent short-term stability may mask long-term vulnerability in alpine ecosystems. Read full report [here](#).

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## Meet the Interns:



**Sabrina Debrard**

Intern

Sabrina Debrard is a dedicated student and writer focused on environmental issues and civic engagement. She holds a BA in English Editing, Writing and Media from Florida State University and has international teaching experience in South Korea. She is currently pursuing a Master's in North American Studies at the University of Bonn, specialising in History and Political Science. She is committed to supporting sustainable development and the UNCCD's goal of land degradation neutrality. Read more about her [here](#).

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## Vacancies

[Documentation Processing Consultant](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)  
(Application period: 15 May, 2026 - 22 May, 2026)

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## Events



### **EU Green Week 2026**

Dates: 25 May - 05 June, 2026

Venue: Brussels, Belgium

Register: [here](#)



### **RestorLife Award 2026**

Deadline: 31 May, 2026

Finalists declaration: 20 - 30 June, 2026

Enter: [here](#)

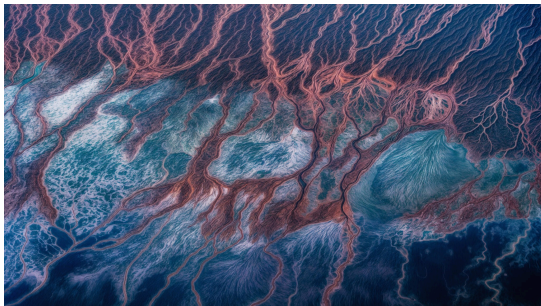


### **Mangrove Photography Awards - 2026**

Deadline: 01 June, 2026

Winners announced: 24 July

Enter: [here](#)



### **Call for Submissions: Nature-Positive Action Transforming Lives and Landscapes**

Deadline: 08 June, 2026

Submit: [here](#)

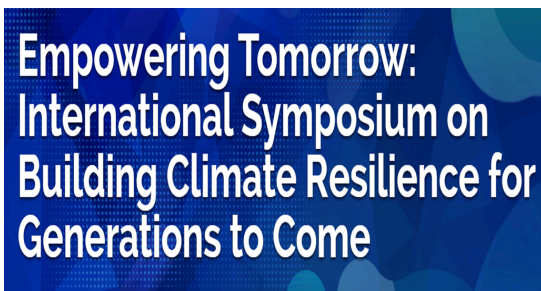


### **UNFCC First Sessional Period - June Climate Meetings 2026**

Dates: 08 June - 18 June, 2026

Venue: Bonn, Germany

Register: [here](#)



### **Society of Wetland Scientists International Symposium 2026**

Dates: 12 June, 2026

Venue: Hong Kong, China

Register: [here](#)

Submit research: [here](#)



## World Biodiversity Forum 2026

Dates: 14 - 19 June, 2026

Venue: Davos, Switzerland

Register: [here](#)



## 17<sup>th</sup> Session of Conference of Parties to the UNCCD

Dates: 17 - 28 August, 2026

Venue: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Register: [here](#)



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