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How a Hurungwe Community Held on Through Relentless Drought

In Hurungwe, the severe El Niño drought of 2025-2026 threatened everything communities had built over years of restoration. With support from Tag a Life International and the G20 GLI Restoration Returns Grants, households kept livestock alive, protected emerging livelihoods and sustained 50 hectares of recovering land. Even under deep hardship, they chose to remain committed to the land instead of turning away from it. Explore full story [here](#).

Stories



The Women Driving Transformational Leadership in the Protection of Brazilian Territories

Meet ECOSOUL Ambiental, the women-led company advancing restoration efforts in Brazil. Explore full conversation [here](#).

G20 Global Land Initiative at EU Green Week 2026

G20 GLI joined global discussions exploring how to move from simply valuing nature to actually financing its restoration. Read full story [here](#).



UNCCD Executive Secretary, Dr. Fouad's Keynote Speech at African Union Celebrations

Amid rising land degradation and water insecurity, the speech called for stronger investment and youth-led innovation in restoration. Read full story [here](#).

Land Talks Podcast

This series features diverse voices - from Fernando De Lucca Pezella to Johnny Miller - all sharing unique insights on land restoration. Explore podcasts [here](#).



Discussions Spark Youth Actions on Food Systems and Land Restoration

Over 700 participants joined G20 GLI's May webinar to analyse global food insecurity and possible solutions. Read full story [here](#) and watch recording [here](#).

Rangelands, Resilience and Women at the Centre

In Bozhüyük, local realities show that rangeland restoration can be effective only when we include pastoral communities - especially the women. Read full story [here](#).





Information Call: Landscape Restoration in the Mining Sector

G20 GLI will compile a shared "Compendium of Best Practices in Post-Mining Landscape Restoration." Stakeholders and experts are encouraged to contribute. Submit information [here](#) by 26 June.

Publications

Food Security Green Bonds

This report examines the growing pressures on global agrifood systems and highlights the challenges of expanding production to meet rising demand while addressing the sector's significant contribution to greenhouse gas emissions. With an estimated USD 1.1 trillion needed annually to finance climate-smart agriculture and agrifood systems transformation, the report explores the use of different financing as a practical tool. Read full report [here](#).

Sand and Sustainability: An Essential Resource for Nature and Development

Sand's value to ecosystems, food systems, water security, shelter and livelihoods is rarely acknowledged. Highlighting the growing pressures linked to rising global sand demand, this report identifies gaps in governance, monitoring and planning and presents strategic actions for governments, industry and civil society to sustainably manage sand and integrate biodiversity considerations into decision-making. Read full report [here](#).

A Pathway for Adaptive Practice of Mangrove Restoration and Conservation in Vietnam

Mangrove restoration and conservation are seen as nature-based solutions for climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction, yet outcomes remain limited in success. Drawing on research across Vietnam's deltas, the study identifies key enablers and barriers shaping restoration success across ecological, institutional and socio-economic dimensions. The results are integrated into a checklist to guide long-term effectiveness. Read full report [here](#).

Meet the Interns:



Saeeda Gouhari

Intern

Saeeda Gouhari works at the intersection of environmental policy, natural resources management and geospatial evidence for development programming. She brings 14 years of experience with international organisations, including UNEP, where she held senior advisory and programme management roles in Afghanistan and Geneva. Saeeda is a PhD candidate at the University of Edinburgh, researching Earth Observation for monitoring and evaluation of nature-based development programmes. She holds an MPhil in Conservation Leadership from Cambridge and a bachelor's in Environmental Protection and Disaster Management from Kabul University. Read more about her [here](#).

Vacancies

[Consultant on Rangelands and Pastoralists](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Application period: 9 June, 2026 - 16 June, 2026)

[Event Coordination Specialist](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Application period: 10 June, 2026 - 17 June, 2026)

[Research Associate](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Application period: 11 June, 2026 - 18 June, 2026)

[COP17 Coordination and Negotiation Support – RLO Asia](#) | Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (Application period: 11 June, 2026 - 25 June, 2026)

Events



From Arid to Arable: Drought Resilience and Sustainable Water Use (Webinar)

Date: 23 June, 2026

Register: [here](#)



Mountain Grassland and Livestock Joint Conference

Dates: 15 - 17 June, 2026

Venue: Landquart, Switzerland

Register: [here](#)



Desertification and Drought Day 2026

Date: 17 June, 2026

Venue: Kilifi, Kenya

Register: [here](#)



Global Sustainable Development Congress 2026

Dates: 22 - 25 June, 2026

Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

Book: [here](#)



World Agri-Tech South America Summit

Dates: 23 - 24 June, 2026

Venue: São Paulo, Brazil

Book: [here](#)



Sustainability Summit Hamburg

Dates: 24 - 25 June, 2026

Venue: Hamburg, Germany

Register: [here](#)



8th European Agroforestry Conference 2026

Dates: 22 - 26 June, 2026

Venue: Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Register: [here](#)



17th Session of Conference of Parties to the UNCCD

Dates: 17 - 28 August, 2026

Venue: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Register: [here](#)



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