



Economics of Land Degradation: Evaluating the Impact of Land Remediation through the lenses of natural capital and SDGs in the Bundelkhand region in Madhya Pradesh, India

Jointly organized by Development Alternatives, WOTR & The ELD Initiative

Venue: Rio Pavilion, UNCCD, **3rd September, 2019, 1-3 PM**

Agenda:

Time (min)	Agenda	Speaker
5	Welcome	Ms. Zeenat Niazi
10	Keynote	Mr. A.K. Jain, Special Secretary, MoEF&CC, India
Context Setting and Presentations		
5	ELD Movie Screening	
10	Rethinking land as an economic asset: The economics of Natural Capital, Sustainable Land Management & LDN	Dr. Hannes Etter, GIZ, Germany The ELD Initiative
10	Example of land remediation project	Mr. Madhav Gholkar WOTR
10	Background Presentation on India and overall DA work	Ms. Gitika Goswami Development Alternatives
PANEL DISCUSSION		
40	Guiding Questions**: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How economics of land degradation can play an important role in restoring the land degradation and achieving the LDN target- How economics of land degradation can contribute to decision making and incentivize investments in land restoration?- What are the opportunities for mainstreaming this initiative into the government priorities for land degradation neutrality?- How can Sustainable Land Management (SLM) be implemented within the Indian policy environment?- How the potential macroeconomic indicators of the country can be addressed by the ELD initiatives?- How the ELD initiative can be linked to other COPs viz., CBD and UNFCCC in economic terms	Panelists: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. A.K. Jain, Special Secretary, MoEF&CC, India (tbc)2. Dr Anil Markandya, Expert, Basque Centre of Climate Change, Spain3. Dr. Ashok Khosla, Chairman, Development Alternatives, India (Moderator)4. Mr. Pran Singh Lodhi, A farmer representative from Bundelkhand5. Dr. Rohini Chaturvedi, Independent Consultant6. Dr. Jagdish Krishnaswamy, Conveners and Senior Fellow, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE)