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Tue3 Sep		DAY OF SYNERGIES
11.15-12.45	Centre for Science and Environment: Climate co-benefits of programmes to combat land degradation	
13.00-14.30	Economics of land degradation: Development Alternatives, WOTR & The ELD Initiative Welcome address: Zeenat Niazi Keynote address: A.k Jain, Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC, India Context Setting and Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELD Movie Screening • Rethinking land as an economic asset: The economics of Natural Capital, Sustainable Land Management & LDN-Hannes Etter, GIZ, Germany, The ELD Initiative • Example of land remediation project-Marcella D'Souza, WOT • Background Presentation on India and overall DA work-Gitika Goswami, Development Alternatives Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. A.k Jain, Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC, India • Dr Anil Markandya, Expert, Basque Centre of Climate Change, Spain • Dr. Ashok Khosla, Chairman, Development Alternatives, India • Farmer representative from Bundelkhand (TBA) • Dr. Rohini Chaturvedi, Independent Consultant • Nitin Pandit, Director of the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE) 	
18.00-20.00	Art for Greening: Role of artistic works to combat desertification with tree planting and enlightened hearts. Light refreshments will be served	

Wed 4 Sep	MORNING TO THINK ABOUT GREEN ENVIRONMENT
09.00-9.30 09.30-10.30 10.30-11.45 11.45-12.15 12.15-12.30	TERI School of Advanced Studies (TERI SAS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How green is our Food? • Case Presentations: Linkages between Sustainable Food Choices and Land Desertification Neutrality (LDN) • Discussions and Q&A • Conclusion and Way forward
Wed 4 Sep	AFTERNOON ON GENDER CAUCUS
14.30-18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome (Ibrahim Thiaw, UNCCD Executive Secretary) • Introduction (UNCCD) • Gender at COP (discussion & group work) (IUCN/UNDP/UN-Women/UNCCD) • Report back in plenary on discussions and Q&A • Conclusions and next steps
Thu 5 Sep	DAY OF SCIENCE
Session 1: Overview of Science Day and introduction to LDN	
09.00-09.20	<i>Facilitator: Mariam Akhtar-Schuster, SPI</i> 09:00 Welcome address and introduction to the Science Day Pradeep Monga, UNCCD Deputy Executive Secretary 09:05 Introducing Land Degradation Neutrality Annette Cowie
Session 2: Introducing the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land	
09.20-10.20	<i>Facilitator: Mariam Akhtar-Schuster</i> 09:20 Opening remarks Mariam Akhtar-Schuster and Annette Cowie 09:30 Introduction to the report Jim Skea (Co-Chair, Working Group III), Minal Pathak (Technical Support Unit Working Group III, Drafting Author, SPM), and Alisher Mirzabaev (Coordinating Lead Author) 10:20 Panel Annette Cowie, Fatima Denton (Coordinating Lead Author), Jagdish Krishnaswamy (Coordinating Lead Author), Alisher Mirzabaev, Minal Pathak, Jim Skea and Lindsay Stringer Lead Author; University of Leeds)
Session 3: Foundation for a healthy planet: The Enabling Environment for LDN	
10:20-11:30	<i>Facilitator: Nichole Barger</i> 10:20 Brief statements on: Sustainable land management for LDN Jean-Luc Chotte Food security and LDN Eduardo Mansur, Vera Boerger Human dimension of LDN Lindsay Stringer, University of Leeds Making LDN inclusive Marioldy Sanchez Santivanez The role of CSOs in achieving LDN Youssef Brahim (DesertNet International) The Rural-Urban Nexus and LDN

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	<p>Graham von Maltitz; Poonam Dabas (environmental journalist)</p> <p>Governance and policy for LDN André Francisco Pilon</p> <p>11:00 Discussion</p>
Session 4: Tools and practices to achieve multiple benefits through LDN	
	<p>Tools and practices to achieve multiple benefits through LDN <i>Panelists will present the technical aids to operationalise and maintain LDN, including new tools and Policy approaches.</i> Facilitator: Jim Skea, Co-chair, IPCC Working Group III</p>
	<p>Brief statements from panel:</p> <p>Soil carbon – a key indicator for LDN-Ermias Betemariam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools for soil carbon estimation- Eleanor Campbell (University of New Hampshire) • Integrated land use planning to reconcile sustainable use and conservation- Jonathan Davies • Measures to avoid, reduce and reverse land degradation-Marijana Kapović Solomun • The land-drought nexus and drought:smart solutions-Mark Svoboda • Connecting consumption and production to create sustainable supply chains-Nichole Barger <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What new knowledge and tools are available to land managers and policy-makers? • What technologies and approaches can support transformation to sustainable land use? • What is required to enable these to be applied?
12:30-13:00	LUNCH buffet
Session 5: The diagnosis: Scientific Assessment to inform Policy	
13.00-15:00	<p><i>Facilitator: Barron Joseph Orr</i></p> <p>13:00 Welcome address Ibrahim Thiaw, UNCCD Executive Secretary</p> <p>13:15 Introduction to Session 5 Jean-Luc Chotte</p> <p>13:20 Land Restoration and Sustainable Development Jeffrey Herrick, UN Environment International Resource Panel (IRP) IRP Think Piece “Land Restoration for Achieving the SDGs”</p> <p>13:35 Convergence of Evidence Michael Cherlet, EC-Joint Research Centre World Atlas of Desertification</p> <p>13:50 Land, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Josef Settele, IPBES Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</p> <p>14:05 Land and Climate Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The interconnections between climate and land Fatima Denton, IPCC SRCCL Coordinating Lead Author • Achieving co-benefits through managing land and climate risks Jagdish Krishnaswamy, IPCC SRCCL Coordinating Lead Author <p>14:35 Making Assessments Matter: The Knowledge Hub Approach Douglas Cripe, GEO Group on Earth Observations</p> <p>14:50 Reflections Barron Joseph Orr</p>
15:00-15:30	COFFEE BREAK

Session 6: Regenerating a Liveable Planet	
15:30-17:00	<i>Facilitator: Lindsay Stringer (supported by Graham von Maltitz)</i> This discussion session will include (i) opportunity to pose questions of clarification to speakers in session 5, (ii) short interventions from invited experts, (iii) a panel of invited experts to highlight key findings from preceding sessions, and additional findings, comments and questions from the floor.
Thu 5 Sep	THE GEF EVENING
18.00-19.30	Networking cocktail reception (all welcome)
Fri 6 Sep	DAY OF SAND AND DUST STORMS
09:00-11:00	Meeting of the UN SDS Coalition ¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks by UNEP and UNCCD • Presentation on the SDS Coalition, its mandate and objectives • Roundtable discussion on challenges and opportunities in addressing Sand and Dust Storms in the light of achieving Sustainable Development Goals, including presentations by the Coalition members ² on their roles and contributions • Interactive dialogue between Member States, UN agencies and other stakeholders on opportunities for collaboration at national and regional level on SDS that can be promoted and enhanced by the Coalition • Expression of interest and commitments including by new partners in support of the Coalition
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	Technical session on Sand and Dust Storms Sources mapping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDS impacts (Hesham El-Askary, Chapman University) • A global SDS source mapping (Marijana Kapovic-Solomun, UNCCD SPI) • Sand dust mapping approach based on data fusion of satellite image and UAV observations: A case study in Mongolia (Jungrak Kim, University of Seoul) • Mapping soil organic matter content using Sentinel-2 data with Google Earth Engine (Xiaosong Li, Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth, Chinese Academy of Sciences)
13.00-14.30	High level session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks: Ibrahim Thiaw, UNCCD Executive Secretary • Welcome remarks: Tim Christopher, UNEP • Congratulatory remarks (Guoji Sun, China) • Launch of the SDS Coalition • Introduction of the global sand and dust storms source base-map interface
14:30-15:00	Coffee Break
15:00-17:00	Actions to combat sand and dust storms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks (Kiyeon Ko, Republic of Korea) • SDS vulnerability assessment and mapping (Sanjay Srivastava, UNESCAP) • SDS source mitigation (Enrico Bonaiuti, ICARDA/WOCAT) • Human Security Trust Fund on Aral Sea (Bakhodir Kuziev, Uzbekistan) • Central Asia SDS Initiative (Jamal Annagylyjova, UNCCD) • Transboundary cooperation (Abeer Suwaid Alabri, Kuwait/Rawea Mahmood, Iraq) • Support to SDS monitoring and forecast for the Sahelian countries (Jose Camacho, WMO) • SDS action in Nigeria (Bala Gukut, Nigeria) • Presentation of the SDS compendium (Utchang Kang, UNCCD)
17.00-18.00	Concluding session: Resilience and Preparedness Interactive discussions and conclusion

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Sat 7 Sep	(No RCP programme)
Sun 8 Sep	(No RCP programme)
Mon 9 Sep	THE GEF DAY
13.30-14.00	<p>Setting the stage on Transformational Change in Land Degradation projects Facilitation: Asha Bobb-Semple, GEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of GEF support for Transformational Change in the Land Degradation Focal Area (Geeta Batra, GEF IEO)
14.00-14.40	<p>The role of multiple stakeholder platforms at global, regional, national and local levels Facilitation : Mr. Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, GEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definitions, what the science says (Graciela Metternicht, STAP) <p><i>Feedback from Programs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAP- Food Security: platforms at regional and national levels (Jonky Tenou, IFAD) Drylands IP: what kind of platforms for the Drylands IP? (Rene Castro, FAO) Feedback from countries (Stephen Muwaya, Uganda) Uganda <p><i>Feedback from stakeholders</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global and regional platforms (Salome Begeladze, IUCN) SPONG, Burkina Faso, a national platform for CSO (Pierre Omer Ouedraogo) <p>Conclusions of the session: identifying key-points and messages about the importance of platforms at different levels (Sara Scherr, EcoAgriculture Partners)</p>
14.40-15.00	<p>High Level intervention Keynote on Land-based Transformation (Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO)</p>
15.00-15.30	<p>Business perspective: a discussion with business leaders Facilitation: Mr. Matt Reddy, GEF</p> <p><i>Business leaders will reflect on the evolution of business models for reduced footprints and higher levels of productivity, the market expectations for sustainably produced commodities and engagement with actors throughout the value chain.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bernard Giraud, CEO, Livelihoods Fund Dilip Kulkarni, President, Agri-food, Jain Irrigation Varun Vats, global lead for partnerships, Syngenta and WEF lead on Climate-Smart Agriculture <p>Audience members will use the Slido application to share their views, comments and thoughts.</p>
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break with networking opportunities
16.00-16.30	<p>The Great Green Wall Initiative Facilitation: Mr. Christian Hofer, GEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction (Alexander Asen, UNCCD) Trailer (2 minutes) Reminding the morning discussions on the GGWI (Elvis Paul Tangem, AU) Short video: nature-based solutions (4 minutes) Discussions, Q & A (Facilitation: Christian Hofer)
16.30-17.00	<p>Scaling, Replication, Catalytic effects Facilitation: Mr. Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, GEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definitions, what the science says (Graciela Metternicht, STAP) Feedback from Niger (Abdoulaye Soumaila, Director, PRODAF) Feedback from Mongolia (Altangerel Enkhbat, Director) Feedback from a GEF Agency (Phemo Kgomotso, UNDP) Conclusions of the session (Madjiguene Seck, WB)

17.00-17.30	<p>Sustainability: transformation through effective and sustainable stakeholder involvement in programmatic approaches Facilitation: Ms. Chizuru Aoki, GEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability: Definitions, what the science says (Graciela Metternicht, STAP) • Sustainability in the IAP-Food Security (Jonky Tenou, IFAD) • Sustainability from smallholder farmers' perspective (Ajay Jakhar, Chairman of the Indian Farmers Collective) • Sustainability from CSO perspective (Noel Otle, Drynet network) • Sustainability from the private sector perspective (Gautier Queru, LDN Fund) • Key messages of the session (Phemo Kgomotso, UNDP)
17.30-18.00	<p>Questions and Answers Session Facilitation: Mr. Ulrich Apel, GEF</p> <p><i>Same question asked to the different panelists:</i> What are the key take-home messages and recommendations about transformative changes, and especially the different dimensions that were highlighted in the afternoon (platforms of dialogue, scaling up, sustainability, business models, engagement of stakeholders...).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naoko Ishii, GEF CEO, • Graciela Metternicht, STAP, • Geeta Batra, GEF IEO, • Ajay Jakhar, Chairman of the Indian Farmers Collective • Gautier Queru, LDN Fund CEO <p>Q & A with the audience</p> <p>Wrapping up (Chizuru Aoki, GEF)</p>
Tue 10 Sep	DAY OF ACTION FOR LAND
10.00-11.45	<p>GEF/WRI/Global Commission on Adaptation: Launch of report- Follow the Sun Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, GEF • Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, UNCCD
12.30-13.45	Desertif' Action
14.00-15.00	<p>2019 Land for Life Award winners presentation</p> <p>Decades of impact in Africa Caroline Galipeau: Introduction</p> <p>Video presentation (5 min.)</p> <p>Presentation of MERET Project of Ministry of Agriculture of Ethiopia (25 min.) - Betru Nedessa Beyene, National coordinator</p> <p>Presentation of Réseau MARP (25 min.) - Mathieu Ouédraogo, Founder and President</p>
15:00-16:00	<p>Land for Life... years later Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Marcella D Souza, Executive Director of Watershed Organization Trust (WOTR)- - Mr. Awadalla Hamid Mohamed Osman, Environmental Conservation Manager & Deputy Area Coordinator, Practical Action Sudan. - Mr. Wang Wenbiao, Chairperson of Elion Foundation or Mr. Yin Chengguo, CEO of Elion Foundation
16:00-17:00	<p>Special Event: High profile presentation on The Wadi EL-Ku Catchment Management Project: Phase 2 by Practical Action Sudan</p> <p>Speakers :</p>

	<p>- Ms. Muna Elthir, Country Director, Mr. Awadalla Hamid Mohamed Osman, Environmental Conservation Manager & Deputy Area Coordinator, Ms. Siham Mohamed Osman, FSL supervisor</p> <p>Introductory video, 20 minutes presentation, Q&A and open discussion.</p>
18.00-19:00	ILO-UNCCD Cocktail reception
Wed 11 Sep	DAY OF DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS
09.30-10.00	Arrival of participants and welcome coffee
10.00-12.30	<p>Opening video: "The End of Famine"</p> <p>Master of Ceremony and welcome address: Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, UNCCD Executive Secretary</p> <p>Opening address by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Maggie Sotyu, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, Republic of South Africa • Mr. Rene Castro, Assistant Director General, Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department, FAO • Mr. Howard Bamsey, Chair GWP • Mr. Olcay Unver, UN-Water Vice Chair • Ms. Samia Nkrumah, President of Kwame Nkrumah Pan-African Center, Ghana • Mr. Jeanclaude Bidogeza, Lead Economist, Africa Risk Capacity <p>Strength despite the threat - All women panel on drought resilience: Moderator: Ms. Samia Nkrumah, President of Kwame Nkrumah Pan-African Center, Ghana Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Caroline King-Okumu, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology • Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Environmental activist, Coordinator of the Association of Peul Women and Autochthonous Peoples of Chad • Ms. Lorena Aguilar Revelo, Vice Minister Foreign Affairs Costa Rica
12:30–13:30	Lunch Break - Lunch, coffee and snacks will be offered
13:30-15:00	<p>Panel Session: Policy dialogue on National Drought Plans Moderator: Mr. Eduardo Mansur, Director, Land and Water Division, FAO Introductory remarks/presentation by Ms. Camilla Nordheim-Larsen, Global Mechanism of the UNCCD, Bonn Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Malak Shukurova, Director, Regional Environmental Centre for Caucasus, Azerbaijan • Ms. Angelica Hernandez Garcia, Consultant, Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies (IDEAM), Colombia • Mr. Edward Samuriwo, Director, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Republic of Zimbabwe • Mr. Trevor Thompson, Land Use Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry and Fisheries, Grenada • Mr. Appolinaire Gnanvi, Director General, National Fund for Environment and Climate (FNEC), Benin <p>Launch of Drought Publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Paper on Drought <p>Proactive Approaches to Drought Preparedness: Where are we now and where do we go from there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drought Resilience, Adaptation and Management Policy Framework- Supporting Technical Guidelines • Drought Impact and Vulnerability Assessment: A rapid review of practices and policy recommendations: Report and Policy Brief • Framework for the Assessment of Benefits of Action/Cost of Inaction (BACI) for Drought Preparedness
15.00-15.30	Networking Coffee

15.30-16.15	<p>Launch and demonstration of the UNCCD-led Drought Toolbox - A joint work by UNCCD, FAO, GWP, WMO, UNEP-DHI, JRC and NDMC</p> <p>Interagency cooperation frameworks on integrated drought management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNCCD-led Drought Initiative, Mr. Daniel Tsegai, UNCCD - Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP), Mr. Frederik Pischke, GWP/WMO IDMP - Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG), Mr. Yo Nishimura, FAO - UN-Water, Mr. Olcay Unver, UN-Water Vice Chair
16.15-17.00	<p>Closing Session: Moderated by Mr. Juan Carlos Mendoza, head of Global Mechanism UNCCD)</p> <p>Innovative financing mechanisms for drought: What are the options?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jeanclaude Bidogeza, Lead Economist, Africa Risk Capacity • Mr. Anupam Joshi, World Bank • Ms. Marie-Aude Even, Senior Regional Technical Specialist Agronomy Asia, IFAD <p>Summary and delivery of key messages regarding Drought for UNCCD COP14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pradeep Monga, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNCCD
Thu 12 Sep	SCREENING OF THE GREAT GREEN WALL DOCUMENTARY (At 13:15 and 15:45)
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