



The Rio Conventions Pavilion Science Day in Abidjan
Science for Action: Land Restoration and Drought

Rio Conventions Pavilion: Room MET-07

Saturday, 14 May, 2022

Time: 8:00 – 17:00

Science Day Programme

SESSION 1: LAND RESTORATION

Time	Title	Speakers
8:00-8:30	Science Day Opening	SPI Co-Chairs UNCCD Executive Secretary Cote d'Ivoire Representative
Reaching a Desirable Future		
8:30 – 8:35	Setting the Scene	<i>Moderators: Nichole Barger and Noel Oettle</i>
8:35 – 8:45	Imagining a desirable future: harnessing the Theory of Change to shed light on the pathways (and the barriers) that could impact on achieving that desirable future	<i>Graciela Metternicht</i>
8:45 – 8:55	Restoration of degraded cocoa-landscapes in Côte d'Ivoire	<i>Christophe Kouame</i>
8:55 – 9:05	Farmers are greening African drylands – but how socially and ecologically sustainable is the functional diversity of what trees regenerate?	<i>Fergus Sinclair</i>
9:05 – 9:25	Audience engagement	<i>Moderators</i>
9:25 – 9:30	Moderator reflection	<i>Lukwesa Burak and Moderators</i>

What We Measure We Can Manage Better		
9:30 – 9:35	Introduction to the Session	<i>Moderators: Cheikh Mbow and Jean-Luc Chotte</i>
9:35 – 9:45	GEO-LDN: Supporting countries in monitoring land for planning and implementing LDN	<i>Antje Hecheltjen</i>
9:45 – 9:55	Monitoring Tree Cover Across Africa's Great Green Wall: Challenges and Opportunities	<i>Salima Mahamoudou</i>
9:55 – 10:05	Innovative multidimensional and multiscale assessment method to foster agroecological transition to restore the multifunctionality of land	<i>Eric Scopel</i>
10:05 – 10:30	Audience engagement	<i>Lukwesa Burak and Moderators</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
The Next Generation of Key Actors		
11:00 – 11:05	Setting the Scene	<i>Moderator Ermias Betemariam</i>
11:05 – 11:15	Capacity Development and Stakeholder Engagement on Biodiversity and Land at the Science-Policy-Practice Interface in the African Context	<i>Sara Velandar</i>
11:15 – 11:25	Global Landscapes Forum Restoration Stewards	<i>Adrian Leitoro</i>
11:25 – 11:35	PhD programme aimed at strengthening national scientific capacities in developing countries to combat desertification and drought	<i>Meron Lakew Tefera Chiara Ceseracciu</i>
11:35 – 11:55	Audience engagement	<i>Lukwesa Burak and Graciela Metternicht</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Press engagement	<i>Press along with speakers and moderators</i>

AFTERNOON SESSION: DROUGHT

Time	Title	Speakers
Implications for Drought Risk		
13:00 – 13:05	Opening of session	<i>Moderator</i>
13:05 – 13:20	IPCC WG1 – the Physical Science Basis	<i>Sergio Vincente-Serrano</i>
13:20 – 13:35	Governance and Drought: The Gender Perspectives	<i>Everlyne Nairesiae</i>
13:35 – 14:00	Q&A with panelists	<i>Lukwesa Burak, moderators and speakers</i>
Measuring Progress Towards Drought Resilience		
14:00-14:05	Opening of the session	<i>Moderator</i>
14:05-14:15	Assessment of Resilience of Ecosystems and Communities to Drought – SPI 2019-2021 report	<i>Mark Svoboda</i>
14:15-14:25	Regional law, national implementation: the case of drought monitoring and management in Italy in the frame of the European Directive on Water Resources	<i>Silvano Pecora</i>
14:25-14:35	Drought resilience through agroecological approaches: the case for better support to community-based initiatives in drylands	<i>Nathalie van Haren</i>
14:35-14:45	Understanding Drought Resilience with LandPKS	<i>Jeffrey Herrick</i>
14:45-15:00	Audience Engagement	<i>Lukwesa Burak and Moderators</i>
Nature Based Solutions for Drought Risk Reduction		
15:00-15:05	Opening of the session	<i>Moderator</i>
15:05-15:10	Investing in NbS for Drought	<i>Chris Magero</i>
15:10-15:15	Drought relevant SLM practices from around the globe	<i>Tatenda Lemann Nicole Harari</i>

15:15-15:20	NbS and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	<i>Lisa Janishevski</i>
15:20-15:25	NbS in the Volta Basin Flood and Drought Management Project	<i>Albert Goula Bi Tié</i>
15:25 – 16:00	Panel Discussion	<i>Lukwesa Burak, Moderators, and Speakers</i>

CLOSING

Time	Title	Speakers
Reflections on Science Day		
16:00 – 16:10	Reflection from Graphic Recorder	<i>Stephanie Heckman</i>
16:10 – 16:25	Reflections from a Journalist	<i>Lukwesa Burak</i>
16:25 – 16:30	Final Comments	<i>SPI Representative</i>
16:30 – 17:15	Press engagement	<i>Press with session speakers and moderator</i>