**Special Event at UNCCD COP.11  
Wednesday, 18 September 2013  
13:15 – 14:45**

**Title: A Stronger UNCCD for a Land-Degradation-Neutral World Calls for a Target-Setting Approach**

Promoting Organizations: Korea Forest Service and the UNCCD secretariat

**Description**

The world has recognized the important contribution of land and soil in attaining sustainable development, including food security and poverty eradication. It has been emphasized on numerous occasions, including at Rio+20 last year, that the time is ripe for the international community to commit itself to a land-degradation-neutral world (LDNW). The Consultative Meeting on a LDNW, hosted by the Government of the Republic of Korea and facilitated by the UNCCD Secretariat, was held on 26-27 June 2013 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. During this two day event, government representatives, scientists and civil society organizations discussed and explored ways to implement the outcome of Rio+20 on LDNW. This side event will present the major outcomes of the Consultative Meeting, share expectations on the options for a way forward and gather opinions from the Parties.

**Schedule**

Moderator: Jonathan Davies, Coordinator, IUCN Global Drylands Initiative

13:15 – 13:30 Welcome, Introduction and Launch of the Issue Brief   
Representative of KFS and/or COP10 Presidency  
Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary, UNCCD

13:30 – 13:40 Follow up to and developments since Rio+20  
Melchiade Bukuru, Chief, UNCCD Liaison Office (Alternate: SZ/SA)

13:40 – 13:50 Summary and Outcomes of the Consultative Meeting of Experts  
Jia XiaoXia, Director, National Bureau to Combat Desertification, China

13:50 – 14:20 Expectations for COP.11 on the outcomes of Rio+20 and a LDNW  
National Focal Points from Korea, Namibia, China, India, etc.

14:20 – 14:45 Questions and Answers, Discussion