**UNCCD EGA Event Sept 24 2013**

***The Partnership Creating an EverGreen Agriculture***

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***Event at UNCCD COP11***

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***Rio Conventions Pavilion, Marquee 3***

EverGreen Agriculture is emerging as a science-based solution to regenerate the land, combat desertification and increase family food production and cash income. It is a form of more intensive farming that integrates trees into crop and livestock production systems at the field, farm and landscape scale. Millions of women and men in Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Malawi, Zambia and other countries are already practicing EverGreen Agriculture, and the momentum for its spread is accelerating. Many countries in Africa are now either implementing or developing national evergreen agriculture scaling up initiatives, along with India, Sri Lanka and The Philippines in Asia. The community of regional and international organizations has been greatly expanding its support for these efforts.

This side event will update participants on these developments and foster discussion on new partnership opportunities to support this broad-based effort for transformative change. Speakers will present the global context that is driving evergreen agriculture, based grounded experiences of the spread of evergreen agricultural practices such as farmer managed natural regeneration and the use of fertilizer trees. They will discuss the scaling-up approaches that have contributed to these successes. Senior discussants will share their perspectives and suggestions on the processes of scaling-up, and the imperatives for accelerated expansion. Participants will be invited during breakout discussions to propose creative ways to take the agenda forward.

**Tentative Program**

10 min Welcome and Introduction Dennis Garrity

UNCCD Drylands Ambassador and

Chair, EverGreen Agriculture Partnership

10 min Remarks by the UNCCD Executive Secretary Luc Gnacadja

20 min A Quiet Revolution in the Sahel Larwanou Mahamane

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30 min Panel of Discussants

20 min Small Group Discussions

30 min Feedback to the Plenary & Wrap-p Discussion