

Schedule of Side Events COP 13*

Tuesday 5 September

8:00 – 12:00 :

- 16 China Green Foundation “The Land Greening Public Benefit Project Forum and the Second Expanded Meeting of the Seventh China Green Foundation Council” **MET-05**

15:00 – 19:00 :

- 85 China Green Foundation “Desert Area Ecological Civilization Construction and the Mongolian Culture of the Belt and Road Forum” **Erdos Mongolia Culture Industrial Park**

Wednesday 6 September

8:00 – 10:00 :

- 78 National Bureau to Combat Desertification, State Forestry Administration of China “Environmental Health Diagnosis by Remote Sensing—Vegetation and Desertification” **MET-20**
- 31 BothEnds “Just, accountable and responsible land governance - implementing the VGGTs in the UNCCD strategic framework 2018-2030” **MET-21**
- 28 Association CARI “Presentation of a training module to strengthen capacities of local authorities for sustainable land management” **MET-05**
- 83 SEE Global Combating Desertification and Communication of Culture, Art and Social Responsibility Theme Forum **MET-06**

13:00 – 15:00 :

- 77 Chinese Academy of Sciences “Environmental Health Diagnosis by Remote Sensing Combating Desertification” **MET-20**
- 7 China Green Foundation” Global Combating Desertification and Communication of Culture, Art and Social Responsibility Theme Forum” **MET-21**

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- 65 Uzbekistan “Land resources planning as an effective tool for landscape restoration and achieving LDN” **MET-05**
- 39 World Meteorological Organization and Namibia “Towards a comprehensive preparedness System: Where are we?” **MET-16**

18:00 – 20:00 :

- 79 Chinese Academy of Sciences “Environmental Health Diagnosis by Remote Sensing – Epidemic Disease in Desertification Area” **MET-20**

Thursday 7 September

8:00 – 10:00 :

- 59 Korea Forest Service “Action oriented policy implementation for Sand and Dust Storms” **MET-20**
- 49 World Meteorological Organization “Early Warning Systems for Droughts and other Natural Hazards” **MET-21**
- 19 Future Forest “International Cooperation to Combat Desertification in Northeast Asia” **MET-06**

13:00 – 15:00 :

- 52 Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs “Turkey’s workout during COP12 presidency and supports to GGW initiative and African countries” **MET-20**
- 56 European Commission, Joint Research Centre “Presentation of the new Global Atlas of Desertification (WAD) “ **MET-21**
- 76 CSO panel “Launch of the Land Rights Report” **MET-05**

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- 12 Institute of Desertification Studies, Chinese Academy of Forestry “Protection of vegetation in dryland, protect road and railway engineering project from mobile sand dune, combat desertification with low vegetation coverage and mobile sand dune fixation techniques”. **MET-06**
- 36 IPBES “Land Degradation and Restoration Assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)” **MET-16**
- 55 PBL-Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency and JRC “Exploring the impact of changes in land use and land condition on food, water, climate change mitigation and biodiversity in the past and the future; A contribution to the first UNCCD Global Land Outlook” **MET -13**

18:00 – 20:00 :

- 37 UN University Land Restoration. Training Programme “Partnering to restore healthy ecosystems; lessons from Iceland and Mongolia” **MET-20**
- 38 GEF STAP “Resilience & Land Degradation Neutrality “ **MET-21**
- 25 Land degradation neutrality, some perspective for action organizers : DNI ICON-SLM & CARI **MET-06**

Friday 8 September

8:00 – 10:00 :

- 20 Jewish National Fund: “Afforestation in a changing Environment - Israel's challenges and achievements concerning forestry under the threat of desertification and a changing climate.” **MET-20**
- 24 Association CARI “What is the impact of the Great Green Wall initiative for the Sahara and the Sahel in the territories?” **MET-21**
- 18 DesertNet “International Land degradation neutrality, some perspective for action” **MET-05**

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- 4 African Union Commission “The Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative: Key results and Perspective” **MET-06**

13:00 – 15:00 :

- 33 UNDP/ GEF “Small Grants Programme Share local level land management practices and innovations that contributes to Land Degradation Neutrality through an evidence based GEF SGP’s 25 years of experiences in supporting CSO’s organizations and governments on sustainable land management, sustainable forestry management, agroecology and sustainable livelihood development”. **MET-20**
- 58 Korea Forest Service “The next Phase of the Changwon Initiative towards achieving LDN” **MET-21**
- 50 Japan International Cooperation Agency ”Challenges that African countries are facing to achieve the SDGs and opportunities to address those challenges through the African Initiative for Combating Desertification to Strengthen Resilience to Climate Change in the Sahel and Horn of Africa (African Initiative for Combating Desertification)” **MET-05**
- 30 BothEnds “Do numbers tell the tale?” (*about operationalisation SDG 15.3, LDN and local initiatives*) **MET-06**
- 75 USAID and USDA-ARS ”LandPKS Mobile Apps for Optimizing LDN Investments” **MET-16**
- 23 Association CARI “Territorial planning: leverage to combat desertification?” **MET-13**

18:00 – 20:00 :

- 57 Global Mechanism of the UNCCD “Investing in Land Degradation Neutrality: Making the Case.” **MET-20**
- 73 Department of forestry and Range Resources of Botswana “Botswana National Action Programme (2018 – 2030)” **MET-05**

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- 61 WOCAT; Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern, Switzerland “Evidence based decision making for up-scaling sustainable land management” **MET-13**

Saturday 9 September

8:00 – 10:00 :

- 27 Green Asia Network Youth Open Table “ Action for Combating desertification” **MET-21**
- 45 FAO “How much degraded land do we have” **MET-05**

13:00 – 15:00 :

- 82 Ministry of the Environment, Japan “Cooperative efforts by Japan and partners” **MET-20**
- 62 Michael Succow Foundation “Central Asian Desert - unique, vulnerable” **MET-21**
- 40 UNCCD, Creative workshop “ Online communication for on-land impact” **MET-05**
- 47 International Organization for Migration “From land degradation to land rehabilitation: Innovative thinking around the migration cycle “ **MET-06**
- 67 IUCN “Integrated approaches for multifunctional landscapes: connecting LDN, biodiversity and climate change” **MET-16**

18:00 – 20:00 :

- 70 Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the FAO Predict – Plan – Prepare”: Stop Drought Becoming Famine” **MET-20**
- 43 UN-DESA and Chinese Government “Supporting developing countries in applying Juncao technology to advance sustainable agriculture and to combat desertification” **MET-21**

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- 8 China Green Foundation “Actions taken by CSOs to combat desertification” **MET-06**
- 14 Arid Land Research Center, Tottori University Elucidate “necessary technical items for combatting Aeolian desertification through discussion by scientists on aeolian desertification, dust emission and sustainable land management”. **MET-13**

Sunday 10 September

15:00 – 17:00 :

- 15 China Green Foundation “The Preventing and Controlling Desertification Pioneer Companies on "The Belt and Road Initiatives", creating a new international environmental protection mechanism, and motivating development of ecological civilization worldwide” **MET-21**

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8:00 – 10:00 :

- 63 Namibia / UNDP” Listening to our land: stories of resilience”. **MET-21**
- 5 International Bamboo and Rattan Organization / Ethiopia Bamboo for Landscape Restoration: “A Unique Opportunity to Meet the Bonn Challenge throughout the Global South” **MET-05**
- 54 “4 per 1000 “ Initiative “How could the “4 per 1000 Initiative” contribute to the objective of Land Degradation Neutrality, from a scientific and a practical – in the field – perspectives ?” **MET-06**

13:00 – 15:00 :

- 51 European Commission DG DEVCO “Investment into landscape restoration for food security, resilience and climate action – key element on the way forward to Land Degradation Neutrality” **MET-20**

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- 34 Global Environment Facility (GEF)“Financing of the Convention – GEF support to SLM and LDN implementation” **MET-21**
- 64 Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa: “South African Governments response to Land Degradation and mitigating desertification in priority areas.” **MET-05**
- 2 OSS: “Monitoring the impacts of the SLM actions, sharing best practices and creating a strong community to implement the GGWISS vision”. **MET-06**
- 81 Biodiversity International “An Agrobiodiversity Index: improving landscape management and human and environmental health” **MET-16**
- 32 UNDP “Land Degradation Neutrality; Sustainable land management and restoration; SDG 15.3” **MET-13**

18:00 – 20:00 :

- 3 OSS/ CARI “Oasis Ecosystems contribution in Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality in the Circum-Sahara: Challenges and opportunities” **MET-20**
- 60 European Commission DG ENV ”Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality in Europe – meeting the challenge” **MET-21**
- 44 World Bank Group “Fighting Land Degradation at the Landscape Level” **MET-05**
- 69 Thailand and FAO “The Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management: a tool for achieving a land degradation neutral world” **MET-16**
- 48 UN Forum on Forests Secretariat UN “Strategic Plan for Forests: promoting action for sustainable forest and land management” **MET-13**

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Thursday 14 September

8:00 – 10:00 :

- 29 BothEnds “Small is beautiful - small grants for sustainable actions by local land users to prevent and overcome desertification, land degradation and drought” **MET – 20**
- 26 The Nature Conservancy “Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Land Management (SLM) for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation” **MET-21**
- 21 SOS Sahel / UNDP Empowering youth and women through investment in land and natural resources **MET-05**
- 42 UNEP and Kenya “The Nexus between Land and Wildlife” **MET-06**

13:00 – 15:00 :

- 53 Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs “Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Approach and Turkey’s experiences” **MET-20**
- 68 OSS “Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) in Africa’s Circum-Saharan Region – From Commitments to Implementation” **MET-21**
- 1 African Union Commission “Communication and knowledge management as drivers of a culture of change in SLM initiatives” **MET-05**
- 6 IFOAM – Organics International “Diversified agro-ecological practices in degraded mountains contributing to better nutrition and rural livelihoods” **MET-16**
- 41 IFAD “The Drylands Advantage” **MET-13**

18:00 – 20:00 :

- 35 GEF (Global Environment Facility) “Enabling Activity Support and Access to Finance for LDN Implementation” **MET-20**

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- 72 NEPAD “Introducing AfriOCAT for an improved knowledge on Sustainable Land and Water Management in Africa” **MET-21**
- 74 IRD “Lessons learned and scientific challenges on Land Degradation Neutrality” **MET-05**
- 69 Thailand and FAO “The Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management: a tool for achieving a land degradation neutral world” **MET-06**

Friday 15 September

8:00 – 10:00 :

- 66 FEEDAR “Feeding Africa and achieving goal 2 of the UNSDGs Agenda 2030” **MET-20**
- 71 United Nations of Youth Network Nigeria (UNOY) and Global Alert for Defence of Youth and the Less Privileged (GADYLP) “Desertification in Northern Nigeria : Causes and Implications for National Food Security – The Way Forward”. **MET-21**

13:00 – 15:00 :

- 9 Professional Committee for Desert Industry, China Society of Territorial Economists” Ecosystem service of returning farmland to forest and prohibiting grazing grassland”. **MET-20**
- 10 China National Academy of Forestry and Planning, “Introduction of China forestry ecosystem monitoring and assessment system and potential use of high resolution remote sensing data of Chinese satellite in the forestry, agriculture and ecosystem with the countries of “the Road and Belt” **MET -21**

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**Due to the in-session dynamic of the Conference, date and venue of the meetings are subject to change. Therefore, during the conference, you are kindly requested to check in the daily journal the updated information with regard to the schedule of side events.*

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