

Land-based adaptation to climate change – a UNCCD-SPI session

Tuesday, November 18

Segment one: Land-based adaptation; Chair: Prof. Uriel Safriel

9:00-10:30, Evens Auditorium

Mr. Sergio Zelaya, Special Adviser, UNCCD Secretariat, *“The UNCCD, what is it all about?”*

Prof. Barron Orr, University of Alicante, Spain and Science-Policy Interface Committee, UNCCD, *“The UNCCD Science-Policy Interface (SPI) - exploring the sustainable land management nexus among the Rio Conventions.”*

Prof. German Kust, Moscow Lomonosov State University and Science-Policy Interface Committee, UNCCD, *“The science of making land adapted to climate change – an attempted assessment.”*

Segment two: Indicators and monitoring; Chair: Mr. Luc Gnacadja

11:00-12:30, Classroom 1

Mr. Sergio Zelaya, Special Adviser, UNCCD Secretariat, *“Are there indicators for land-based adaptation to climate change?”*

Dr. Alan Grainger, University of Leeds, *“Monitoring Desertification After The AGTE.”*

Prof. Barron Orr, *“Time for Paradigm Shift in How We Transfer Knowledge? Making the Case for Translational Science and Public Engagement.”*

Segment three: Land degradation neutrality; Chair: Prof. Alon Tal

17:00-18:30, Water Institute

Dr. Ephraim Nkonya, IFPRI, *“Global assessment of the cost of land degradation & strategies for achieving land degradation neutral world.”*

Mr. Tobias Gerhartsreiter, Economics of Land Degradation Initiative, *“The Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) Initiative - Integrating the economics of land degradation into policy making.”*

Dr. David Mutekanga, Uganda National Academy of Sciences, *“Avoiding land degradation and restoring degraded land: a Comparative Analysis of Asia and Africa (Sri Lanka & Uganda).”*

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Pandey, National Institute of Hydrology, India, *“TBA.”*

Panel discussion: Land-Based Adaptation (LBA) and Land-Degradation Neutrality (LDN) – slogans or solutions?