



IMPORTANT UNCCD COP 13 OUTCOMES

NEW STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Parties adopted the new strategic framework of the Convention for 2018–2030.

As adopted the new strategy responds to the five elements¹ identified as essential for integrating SDG 15 and target 15.3 into the implementation of the Convention while leaving leeway and scope for adapting/ reacting to future developments.

Within the new framework the most important achievement is LDN as a concrete - albeit voluntary target. Further elements: Focus on drought, migration, and gender-responsive policies and measures.

REPORTING

The reporting process under the convention has seen significant developments and re-orientation with a clear focus on implementation and/or impact rather than process. The new UNCCD reporting has a four-year frequency and centers on the strategic objectives and the implementation of the new strategic framework.

It is worth noting that the Group on Earth Observation will be requested to support the efforts of parties to the UNCCD in implementing the Convention by providing space-based information and in situ measurements to assist countries in fulfilling the reporting requirements for SDG indicator 15.3.1 and fostering data access, national capacity building, and the development of standards and protocols.

DROUGHT INITIATIVE

To strengthen capacity to enhance drought preparedness and response to drought and to pursue a proactive approach on integrated drought management the implementation of a drought initiative for the biennium 2018-2019 was adopted.

Up to 30 countries will be helped to go through the process of enhancing national drought preparedness and planning, including identify vulnerable areas, pilot one or two drought

¹ (1) LDN targets: setting targets and establishing the level of ambition; (2) leverage and impact: catalyzing the multiple benefits that LDN provides from climate change to poverty reduction; (3) partnerships and resource mobilization: rationalizing engagement with partners, overcoming fragmentation, and systematically tapping into increasing finance opportunities, including climate finance; (4) transformative action: designing and implementing bold transformative LDN projects that deliver multiple benefits; and (5) monitoring and reporting: tracking progress towards achieving the LDN targets.



interventions. They will be also supported in capacity building and sharing of lessons learned.

LDN FUND LAUNCH (Co-promoted by the GM and Mirova, a French-based asset management company).

With an initial target size of US\$300 million, the LDN Fund is a first-of-its-kind investment vehicle leveraging public money to raise private capital for sustainable land management and landscape restoration activities worldwide that contribute to the achievement of land degradation neutrality. Public institutions, such as Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (CDC) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) the Development Agency (AFD), the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) are already involved or have confirmed their interest.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- Adoption of the Gender Action Plan
- Decision on Combat Sand and Dust Storms: UNCCD mandated to work on SDS. Parties are invited to use the Policy Framework, on a voluntary basis, in policy development and implementation SDS at the national and regional or international levels and to mainstream SDS issues in national disaster risk reduction policies as well as promote cooperation information exchange and knowledge sharing on SDS.
- Recognition of DLDD as one of the drivers that can cause migration

EMERGING ISSUES

Increased attention was also given to land tenure issues and the land-energy nexus.