



# UNCCD COP16

2-13 December 2024, Riyadh

## KEY OUTCOMES

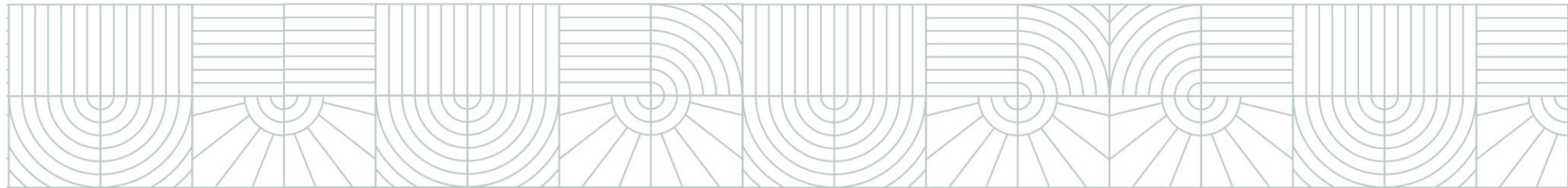


# Largest and most inclusive UNCCD COP



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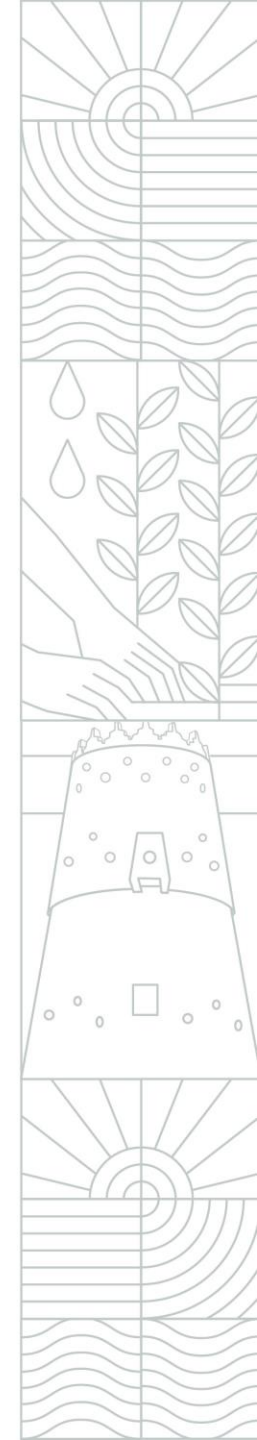
- > **24,000** registered participants in the Blue Zone
- > **33,000** registered in the Green Zone
- **176** Parties represented
- **580** side-events
- **141** High-Level segment participants
- **3,500** Civil Society Organizations representatives
- > **400** private sector representatives from finance, fashion, agri-food, and pharma sectors





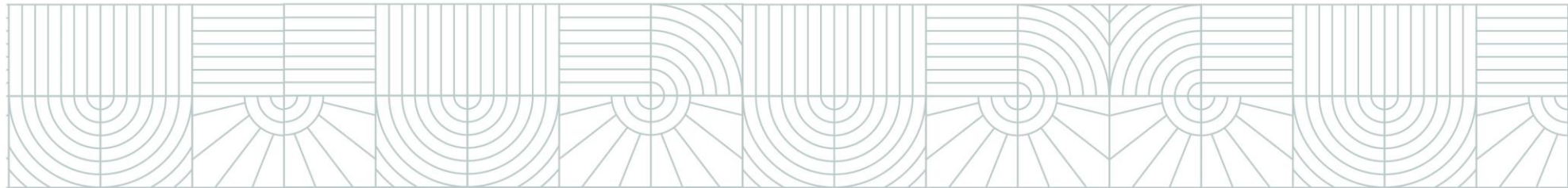
# 39 Key Decisions

- First decision on **sustainable rangeland management**
- First decision on **agricultural lands**
- **Decision on Post 2030 Process:** IWG on the Future Strategic Framework of the Convention
- Synergies with other **Rio Conventions** across various decisions
- Approval of the **UNCCD budget and programme of work** for 2025-2026



# Financial Commitments

- **Riyadh Global Drought Resilience Partnership**
  - Mobilized **USD 2.15 billion** to support drought resilience
- **Drought Resilience and Land restoration**
  - Mobilized **USD 10 billion** to support Drought Resilience and Land restoration efforts
- **Great Green Wall Accelerator**
  - Mobilized **USD 14.6 million** to strengthen coordination and implementation across 22 countries
- **Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils (VACS)**
  - Mobilized **USD 70 million** for resilient food systems
- **Saudi Green Initiative**
  - Mobilized **USD 60 million** for climate and environmental efforts



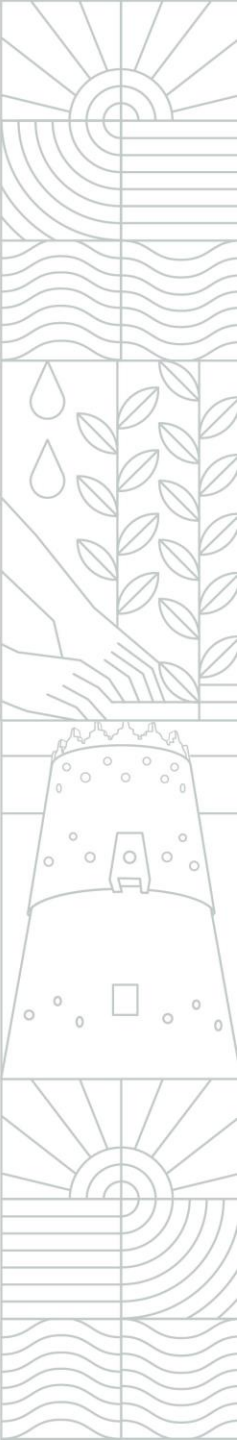
# Inclusion and Representation

## Empowering Communities

- **First Indigenous Peoples' Forum** at UNCCD COP, as well as **Gender Caucus** and **Youth Forum**
- Landmark creation of **Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' Caucuses**
- Largest-ever youth participation; focus on youth-led initiatives e.g. **Land Heroes**
- Endorsement of the **Youth Engagement Strategy**
- Emphasis on addressing gender discrimination in land policies



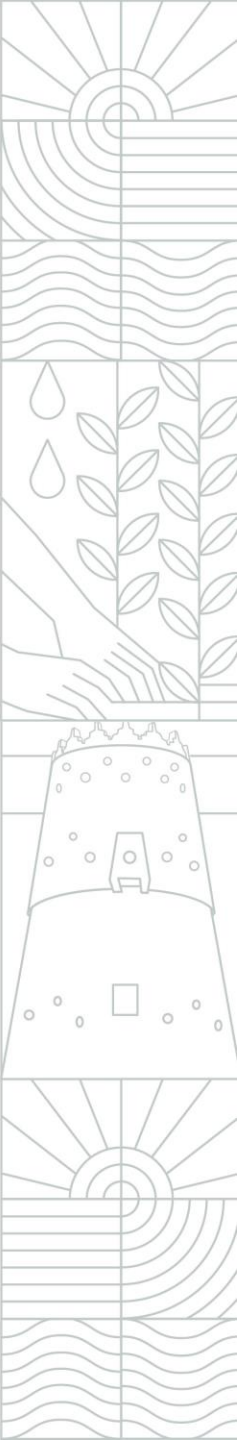
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# Engaging the Private Sector

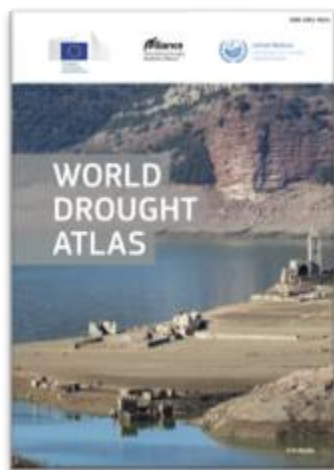


- **Business4Land** Initiative and Call to Action launched to increase private sector investment in land restoration and resilience
- **Largest private sector participation** in UNCCD COP history
- Collaboration across finance, fashion, agri-food, and pharmaceuticals sectors
- Emphasis on **innovative financing models** and advocacy for sustainable practices
- Aims to close the gap in funding for combating land degradation, **currently only 6% of investments**

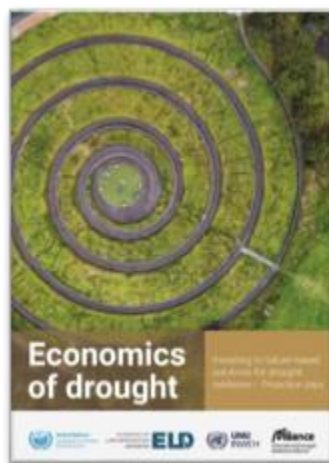


# Strengthening Science

- Decision on the **Future Science Policy Interface**
- Launch of the **International Drought Resilience Observatory (IDRO)**
- Evidence-Based Decision-Making
- Reports released:



World Drought Atlas



Economics of Drought



Stepping back from the precipice: Transforming land management to stay within planetary boundaries



The global threat of drying lands: Regional and global aridity trends and future projections



Investing in Land's Future: Financial needs assessment for UNCCD



**Thank you**

