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# Global EbA Fund Participation

## Establishing a Follow-up Mechanism for the Implementation of the UNCCD Gender Action Plan (GAP)

**MET-07 | August 17 | 13:00 - 14:30**

This workshop will explore how to strengthen accountability and follow-up for the implementation of the UNCCD GAP, building on the findings of its first progress evaluation. Convened by Mongolia and UNCCD Parties, the workshop will bring together diverse stakeholders to identify persistent challenges and co-create the core elements of a structured GAP follow-up mechanism, including monitoring, reporting, institutional responsibilities and feedback processes.

The outcomes will provide practical recommendations and inputs to the UNCCD Gender Caucus and Parties, helping inform future policy decisions and strengthen gender-responsive implementation across the UNCCD.

**Organised by the Global EbA Fund**

## **Financing Resilience:**

Scaling Ecosystem-based Solutions for  
Degraded Lands through Integrated  
Research, Action, Finance and Policy

**MET-06 | August 17 | 15:00 - 16:30**

This event will explore how science, innovation and finance can accelerate ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) and contribute to land degradation neutrality. Bringing together partners of the Fund, the event will highlight evidence and lessons from its growing portfolio of 75 projects worldwide, demonstrating how catalytic, gender-responsive and inclusive EbA initiatives can strengthen resilience and address critical knowledge, capacity, policy and finance gaps. The event will also highlight new funding opportunities and ways to strengthen partnerships, mobilise investment and scale locally led adaptation.





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## High-level Dialogue on the Path to an Enhanced Gender Action Plan (GAP) under the UNCCD

**MET-22 | August 17 | 18:00 - 19:30**

This high-level dialogue will explore how to strengthen gender equality and women's empowerment in land management and drought resilience under the UNCCD GAP. Bringing together governments, UN agencies, civil society and other stakeholders, the dialogue will reflect on experiences across the Rio Conventions, identify gaps and opportunities in the current GAP, and develop practical recommendations and a roadmap to inform the future strategic framework and the next iteration of the GAP. The event will also seek to generate concrete inputs for the UNCCD Gender Caucus and Parties, including an Ulaanbaatar Declaration calling for accelerated implementation of gender-responsive pastoral management during the next two years of the COP Presidency.

**Co-organised by the Global EbA Fund**

## **Pecha Kucha on Rio Synergies: Connecting locally-led actions with global agendas for scaling impact**

**IUCN Pavilion | August 20 | 19:00 - 21:00**

This reception will explore how NbS can serve as a common denominator for advancing synergies across the three Rio Conventions, connecting land, biodiversity and climate action. Bringing together practitioners, national and sub-national leaders and global decision-makers, the event will showcase practical experiences, innovations and lessons from implementing NbS on the ground, highlighting evidence of how local action can contribute to land degradation neutrality, climate resilience and biodiversity conservation. Through lightning presentations and networking, the reception will foster partnerships, strengthen knowledge-sharing and contribute to a shared narrative on how NbS can help translate the synergies agenda into coordinated action and investment at national and local levels.

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## Finance Day:

### Ministerial Dialogue on Innovative Financial Mechanisms for Healthy Land and Drought Resilience

**Plenary | August 14 | 11:00 - 14:00**

This ministerial dialogue will explore innovative approaches to financing land restoration and drought resilience, with a particular focus on the role of public finance, multilateral development banks, development finance institutions and private capital. It will examine how land can be better integrated into financial and investment frameworks, discuss opportunities to mobilize and de-risk investment at scale, and highlight the links between land, economic resilience, food security and sustainable development.



## Events Organised by Partners

Gender Parity and Meaningful Participation:  
Strengthening Women Negotiators in the UNCCD

**MET-07 | August 19 | 08:30 - 10:00**

How Inclusive Land Restoration Measures Can  
Contribute to Social Cohesion and Stability: Lessons from  
Farmer-led Natural Regeneration in the Sahel

**MET-07 | August 19 | 13:00 - 14:30**

Aligning Agendas: Biodiversity, Land Degradation,  
and Loss & Damage in the Climate Context

**Location | August 21 | 18:00 - 19:30**

Tackling aridity and drought risks across the Rio  
Conventions, the Convention on Wetlands and  
the Sendai Framework

**MET-01 | August 22 | 08:30 - 10:00**

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