

Advancing a human rights-based approach to desertification and land degradation

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Concept:

This event will explore how the access, use, and control of land affects the enjoyment of many human rights including, inter alia, the rights to life, property, food, adequate housing, water, sanitation, freedom of movement, a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, and the rights of indigenous peoples to their traditional lands, territories and resources. It will articulate elements of a gender-responsive, human rights-based approach to land degradation, highlight key human rights linkages across the Rio Conventions, including with respect to realization of the rights to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment for current and future generations, and share information about the work being done by the Environment Management Group Issue Management Group on Human Rights and the Environment with respect to these issues.

Moderator:

Lorena Aguilar, former Vice-Chancellor of Costa Rica and independent consultant on gender and environment

High level opening statement:

Khalid Cherki, Chair of the UNCCD African Regional Annex

Speakers:

- Stephanie Piers de Raveschoot, National Focal point for the UNCCD, Switzerland
- Esha Mitra, Global Focal Point for the UNCCD Youth Caucus on Desertification and Land
- Aurélie Bres, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- Djatougbe Aziaka, President of the Association WELFARE



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