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# Assessing Soil Erosion to Support Land Use Planning and the Achievement of SDG Target 15.3 on Land Degradation Neutrality

16 May 2019, 13:00 – 14:30 | King Faisal Room/D263

*(Light lunch provided)*

*A Side Event Hosted by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)*

Land Degradation Neutrality is about keeping land in balance even when faced with the many competing demands for land resources. Ensuring no net loss in land-based natural capital through to 2030 will only be possible if countries are able to optimize the spatial mix of interventions designed to avoid, reduce or reverse land degradation. This requires highly integrated land use planning informed by the best environmental and socioeconomic data available. LDN—which was endorsed by the Parties of the UNCCD and which is being pursued in 121 countries—calls for assessments of land potential land degradation status and resilience to underpin the planning process. However, many countries report considerable challenges related to assessing erosion and incorporating the results into land administration systems to support land use planning decision making at the national, sub-national and local levels.



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# FORMAT AND PANELISTS

To help ensure a robust discussion on how the soil erosion community can help overcome these challenges, a “**point – counter-point**” **panel discussion** is envisioned. The

Director of FAO’s Land and Water Division, **Eduardo Mansur** and UNCCD’s Deputy Executive Secretary **Pradeep Monga** will initiate the discussion from the perspective of the UN.

**Maria Jose Marques Perez** (Northern Mediterranean), **Jean Illunga Muneng** (President of the UNCCD African Regional Group), **Juan José Gaitan** (Latin America and the Caribbean Region) and **Víctor Castillo Sánchez** (Northern Mediterranean) will respond with the perspectives of countries working to address erosion and achieve LDN.

## GUIDING QUESTIONS

- How can the soil erosion community contribute to country efforts to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN)?
- What are the challenges and opportunities in pursuing soil erosion assessment in support of integrated land use planning in support of achieving LDN?

## AGENDA

**Introduction** by Xiaoxia Jia (UNCCD) (13:00-13:05)

**Point-counter point panel** (13:05-13:30)

- UN perspective: Eduardo Mansur (FAO) and Pradeep Monga (UNCCD)
- Perspective of countries: Maria Jose Marques Perez, Jean Illunga Muneng, Juan José Gaitan, Víctor Castillo Sánchez

**Open discussion** (13:30-13:55)

**Final wrap-up** by moderator Xiaoxia Jia (13:55-14:00)

**Light refreshment** (14:00-14:30)

