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COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

WORKING GROUP ON DRYLAND FORESTS AND AGROSILVOPASTORAL SYSTEMS

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UN DECADE OF ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
2021 – 2030
UNGA Resolution A/RES/73/284

- Adopted 1 March 2019, 72 co-sponsors
- All terrestrial and marine ecosystems
- Builds on existing commitments

FAO and UNEP invited to lead implementation
The need for action

- Land Degradation:
  Negatively affecting 3.2 billion people
  Loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services
  = 10% of global GDP
- Forests: 70 M ha lost since 2000
- Wetlands: 70% lost in last century
- Drastic decline of coral reefs and seagrass beds
Benefits extend across Agenda 2030

- Biodiversity conservation
- Climate change
- Productive landscapes/seascapes
- Economic return

Restoring 350 M ha of degraded land by 2030 could generate up to USD 9 trillion in net benefits
NEXT STEPS

- Learning and listening
- Implementation & communication strategies
- Monitoring system
- Technical assistance & knowledge sharing
- Investment opportunities

Mass movement
THANK YOU