Green Urban Oases Programme: implementing urban forestry and urban greening in drylands Africa, Near East and Asia

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Urban forestry and urban greening are one of the most promising approaches to improve the resilience of dryland cities and people to the effects of climate change, while reducing the impact of extreme climatic events on human health. The purpose of this side event is to discuss challenges and opportunities for urban forestry implementation in drylands, and present the Green Urban Oases Programme, launched by FAO in 2021 to support dryland cities in Africa, Near East and Asia strengthen their policy and technical capacity to design and implement integrated urban forestry and urban greening strategies to address local challenges and sustainably increase the well-being and resilience of their urban communities. Champion cities from the three regions will be invited to share their experience in implementing green solutions in drylands. Strategy, modality of implementation and expected outcome from the Programme will be also presented.

Programme

- The Green Urban Oases Programme – by Simone Borelli, Urban Forestry Programme, FAO
- From urban desert to forest cities: is that the way? – by Fabio Salbitano, Professor, University of Florence and Maria Chiara Pastore, Researcher, Politecnico of Milan
- The Riyadh Green project – by Yvonne Lynch, Urban Greening and Climate Resilience Strategist
- Urban forests as Nature-based solution in Aksu, China – by Wang Cheng, Director of Urban Forest Research Center of State Forestry Administration
- Experiences from the City of Juba – Joseph Africano Bartel, Undersecretary Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Republic of South Sudan
- Experiences from the City of Amman – by Mervat Almhirat, Deputy of City Director for Health and Agricultural Affairs, Amman, Jordan