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**UNCCD COP14**  
Side Event

On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Venue: MET-06, India Expo Centre & Mart, Gr.  
Noida (Delhi NCR), India  
Time: 1130-1330 hrs



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Theme

**“Restore Land,  
Sustain Future”**

Globally 3 out of every 4 hectares of land has been altered from the natural state according to risk assessment report on land degradation by UNCCD.

UNCCD's core agenda is reversing land degradation and its outcomes while accelerating positive achievements for people and for ecosystems with a view to achieving Sustainable Development Goals.



## Desertification: Indian Situation

- India has around 70% of its total geographical area under drylands.
- With about 30% of its land affected by land degradation, India has high stakes and stands strongly committed to the Convention.
- India with 2.5% of the global land area, supports world's 18% of human and 20% of livestock population.
- Total geographical area under land degradation is 96.40 mha ( 29.32% of country's area)
- India is committed to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality by 2030.

## India's International Commitments

- Nationally Determined Contribution: additional 2.5 - 3 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq. by 2030 through additional forest and tree cover
- Bonn Challenge: restoring 21 mha of degraded and deforested land by 2030
- SDGs: particularly no poverty, zero hunger, climate action, life on land and combating desertification
- Landscape restoration will help India regain ecological integrity and improve well-being of 700 million rural people

## Some schemes and programmes for land restoration are

- **Green India Mission (GIM) and National Afforestation Programme (NAP)**
- **National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)**
- **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)**
- **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)**
- **Soil Health Card Scheme**
- **Soil Health Management Scheme**
- **Per Drop More Crop**
- **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)**

# Certification of Natural Resources to Combat Desertification and Restoring Landscapes

Certification of natural resources enhances the sustainability of forests, agroforests, urban forests and NWFPs, thereby reducing the rate of land degradation, helping in combating desertification and achieving Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN).

Forest certification contributes to promoting SFM, REDD+, SDGs, NDC commitments and meeting the objectives of various international commitments under the UNFCCC, UNCCD and UNCBD, etc.

NCCF has launched Forest Management Certification Standard, which is country specific and globally benchmarked and endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

NCCF's Trees Outside Forests Certification Standard is shortly being launched. Development of other sustainability certification standards and a Carbon Registry-India are under preparation. Highlights of these sustainability standards and CR-I will be presented in the side event.

## Expert speakers in panel discussion will be covering the following aspects

- Advantages of certification of natural resources
- Certification to combat desertification
- NCCF's FM Certification Standard
- NCCF's ToF Standard
- NCCF's other sustainability standards under development (viz. NWFPs, Protected Areas and wetland, Biomass and Biofuels, Quality Planting material)
- Carbon registry-India
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- Agroforestry for Arresting Desertification: Large Scale Case Studies from India
- Plans, policies and scaling of REDD+ from Indonesia ??
- Bonn Challenge and India: Progress on Restoration Efforts across States and Landscapes



## Areas of work



**Forest Management Certification Standard** (launched and endorsed by PEFC)

**Trees Outside Forest Certification Standard** (ready for launch)

**Non Wood Forest Produce Certification Standard** (In Progress)

**Protected Areas and Wetlands Certification Standard** (In Progress)

**Quality Planting Material Certification Standard** (In Progress)

**Ecotourism Certification Standard** (In Progress)

**Biofuel and Biomass Certification Standard** (In Progress)

**Pet Trade Certification Standard** (In Progress)

**Carbon Registry-India** (In Progress)

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