

Innovation, Science & Technology

GEF DAY: 15:00 – 16:30, Saturday 9 September 2017 (Saturday)
Rio Conventions Pavilion

In a recent period, science has made significant progress, with several innovations to support smallholder farmers on the ground. This event is an opportunity to highlight some of these innovations and tools, and provoke a discussion on the role of innovation, science, and technology in the GEF agenda. While there is a strong interest on remote sensing, connected tools and devices, notably in the context of LDN, we will keep a broad definition of innovations that are helpful for scaling up SLM and transferring the results from research to the beneficiaries on the ground.

Provisional Agenda (as of 29 August 2017)

Time	Agenda Item
10 minutes	<p>Opening Remarks + Innovation, Science and Technology in evaluating the GEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juha Uitto, Director, GEF Independent Evaluation Office
55 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barron Orr, Science-Policy Interface, • Jeff Herrick, Soil Scientist and LandPKS PI, USDA • Alex Zvoleff, Vital Signs, Conservation International • Jonathan Davies, IUCN <p>Juha Uitto will introduce the session with the results of the Land Degradation Assessment and the Value For Money studies developed under the context of the Sixth Comprehensive Evaluation of the GEF. Barron Orr will be invited to set up the scene of innovations, science and technologies for SLM in a rapidly changing connected world. LandPKS and Vital Signs will be highlighted as case studies, the second being developed and extended under the GEF Integrated Approach Pilot on agroecosystem services for food security. Jonathan Davies, IUCN, will be invited to connect the LDN concept to other platforms and tools to highlight the multiple benefits of land restoration.</p> <p>This session will be moderated by Asha Bobb-Semple, GEF Secretariat</p>
20 minutes	Questions and Answers
5 minutes	Wrap-up