

## ***Financing Synergy: Land and Climate Actions***

13:20 – 14:50, 9 September 2017 (Saturday), *Rio Conventions Pavilion*

This event is an opportunity to discuss experiences on financing synergy in land and climate action at the global, national and local levels. Questions to be explored include:

1. How are countries supporting initiatives with multiple benefits in land and climate?
2. What are opportunities and challenges in financing synergy and integration?
3. Where can public international finance be most relevant and useful to catalyze local and national action?

### **Provisional Agenda**

(as of 31 August 2017)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>13:20-13:25</b>	<b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chizuru Aoki, Lead Environment Specialist, Global Environment Facility</li> </ul>
<b>13:25-13:35</b>	<b>Keynote: Convention Perspectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification</li> </ul>
<b>13:35-14:25</b>	<b>Discussion</b> The panel discussion brings together senior representatives of national institutions with experiences in financing land and climate action from Benin and China, as well as the GEF and the Green Climate Fund, both of which serve the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) as financial mechanism. Each panelist is requested to speak for five minutes to present the experiences of his/her institution on financing synergy. Following the initial round, a moderated discussion will take place to explore the above questions further.  <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appolinaire Gnanvi, Director General, National Fund for Environment and Climate, Benin</li> <li>• Liu Shirong, Deputy Director, PRC-GEF Partnership on Land Degradation, China</li> <li>• Chizuru Aoki, GEF</li> <li>• Jason Spensley, Project Preparation and Adaptation Planning Senior Specialist, Green Climate Fund</li> </ul> <b>Moderator:</b> Magda Lovei, Practice Manager, Environment and Natural Resources, World Bank
<b>14:25-14:45</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
<b>14:45-14:50</b>	<b>Wrap-up</b>