



## UNCCD COP13 Side Event

# Listening to Our Land: Stories of Resilience

Hosted by the Government of Namibia, in partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

**8:10 – 10:00 am, Wednesday 13 September, 2017 Venue: MET-21**

### **Part 1: Launch of publication**

*Listening to Our Land: Stories of Resilience*

**08.10: Introduction by the Facilitator -**

Midori Paxton, Head of Ecosystems and Biodiversity Programme, UNDP

**08.15: Welcome Address and Statement -**

Hon. Pohamba Shifeta, the Minister of Environment, and Tourism, Namibia

**08.20: Remarks by the Executive Secretary of UNCCD -** Monique Barbut

**08.25: Remarks by the Programme Director, Global Environment Facility -** Gustavo Fonseca

**08.30: Closing Remarks and Thanks by the -** Director of Sustainable Development, UNDP - Nik Sekhran,

**08.35: Group photo session**

### **Part 2: Technical Session**

*Chair: Teofilus Nghitila, UNCCD Focal Point, Namibia*

**8:45: Introduction** by the Chairperson

**08.50: UNDP-GEF SLM Portfolio Strategies -** Phemo Kgomotso, UNDP-GEF Regional Team Leader, UNDP

**09.00: Namibia: *Beating the bush*** – Namibia's Country Partnership Programme (CPP) on SLM, by Teofilus Nghitila, UNDP Focal Point, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Namibia

**09.10: Cuba: *Harnessing nature's power*** – Cuba's CCP on SLM, by Maykel Martínez Mendoza, Coordinator of the CPP, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment

**09.20: Bhutan: sharing lessons on LDN Target Setting,** by Karma Dema, Programme Director, National Soil Services Centre, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests

**09.30: Q&A and Discussion,** facilitated by the Chair

**09.50: Closing remarks,** by Tungalag Ulambayar, Advisor to the Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mongolia

