

Side event:

GEF Enabling Activities in
support of the UNCCD

GEF enabling activities for the UNCCD: Lessons learned from the Global Mechanism

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**THE GLOBAL
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1. Global Support Programme (GSP)

*GEF Implementing Agency: UN Environment
(UNEP)*



2. Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Project (LDN TSP)

*GEF Implementing Agency: International Union for
Conservation of Nature (IUCN)*



1. Global Support Programme (GSP)

Achievements so far.....

1. Improved **UNCCD reporting systems** established to facilitate reporting by all reporting entities (PRAIS, simplified reporting templates...)
2. **Technical assistance** provided to Parties to facilitate reporting and review process
3. **Capacities** of UNCCD reporting entities strengthened for effective UNCCD reporting
4. Provision of **default data** on biophysical indicators in cooperation with the LDN Target Setting Programme
5. UNCCD **knowledge management** and **outreach** system improved



1. Global Support Programme (GSP)

Achievements so far.....

⇒ **Number** of reports submitted by Parties in 2014 increased substantially

- ✓ 94 % of the affected country Parties submitted reports
- ✓ 69 % of the developed country Parties submitted reports

⇒ **Quality** of reports has improved considerably

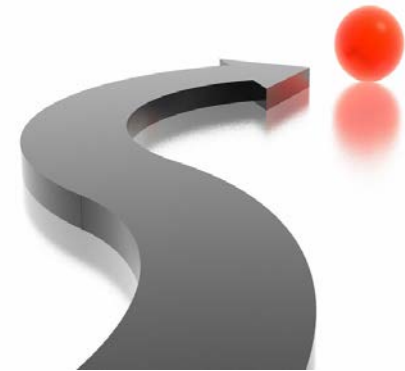


1. Global Support Programme (GSP)

Way forward:

Global Support Programme II:

- Support 2018 reporting process (PRAIS, helpdesk, regional workshops...)
- Data management (capacity building, good practices)
- Finance (global datasets, investment patterns and opportunities)



2. Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Project (LDN TSP)

Objectives

Parties commit to establish national voluntary targets for Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN).

Components

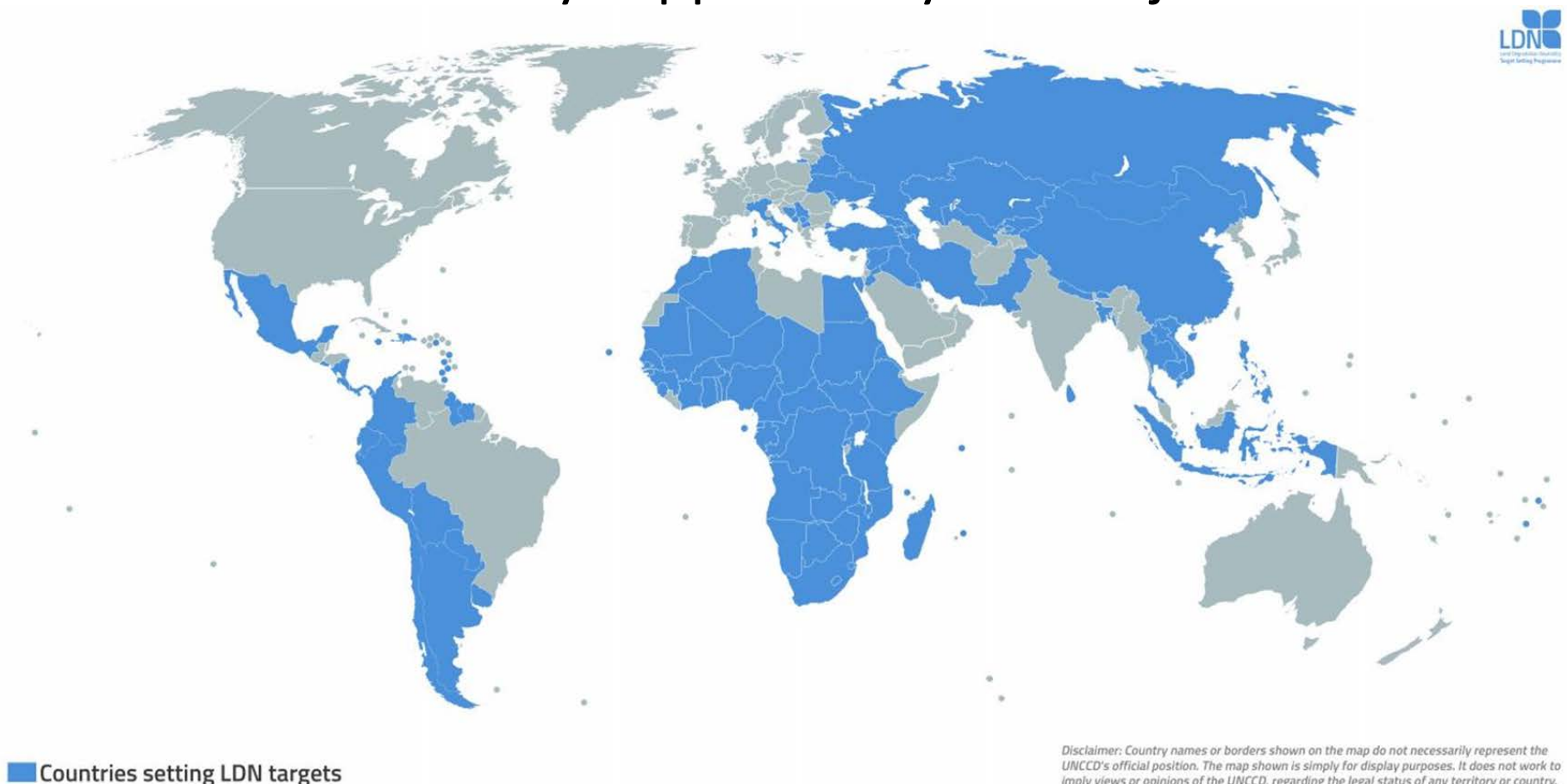
- National LDN baseline defined and validated
- National LDN measures and targets defined
- Knowledge management

Multi partner initiative



2. Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme

110 countries committed to set LDN targets (31/8/17)
70 directly supported by the Project



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2. Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme

Some numbers:

- **60+** countries set LDN targets and baselines
- **100+** countries received default data for LDN indicators
 - ✓ **87** countries received watershed data supporting the identification of LDN hot spots
 - ✓ **15** SIDS received higher resolution data
- **100+** countries have a national “LDN working group”

LDN TSP – Main achievements

- **Shaping national commitment to achieve land degradation neutrality participating countries**
 - ✓ 60+ countries set national LDN targets
- **Unlocking the potential of land in achieving other SDGs**
 - ✓ LDN accelerates the achievement of many SDGs through its multiple benefits
- **Strengthening policy coherence among national policies and commitment**
 - ✓ LDN leverages to foster policy coherence based on country's priorities identified in their Leverage Plans
- **Engaging key stakeholders across sectors**
 - ✓ LDN TSP supports national consultation platforms, so-called “LDN working groups” to review and validate outputs and outcomes of the process

LDN TSP – Main achievements



- **Enhancing national capacities to manage land-related data**
 - ✓ LDN facilitates integration of scientific knowledge in the decision making process based on LDN data provided
- **Setting baselines to provide a systematic approach to monitor progress towards LDN**
 - ✓ 60+ countries validated LDN baseline based on three biophysical LDN indicators (land cover, land productivity, soil organic carbon) and identified LDN “hotspots”
- **Providing an avenue for identifying key measures to avoid, reduce and reverse land degradation**
 - ✓ Most countries put forward technical and policy measures to improve people’s livelihood and enhance resilience of ecosystem functions, including sustainable land management and landscape restoration
- **Facilitating peer learning and strengthening regional coordination**
 - ✓ LDN TSP organizes workshops, webinars and provides technical guidance

2. Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme

WAY FORWARD: MOVING FROM TARGETS TO ACTION

- Continue supporting countries in the LDN target setting process
 - > report back at CRIC 17
- Facilitating the design and implementation of LDN transformative projects and programmes
- Enhancing the use of robust LDN data at country level for sound LDN implementation decision making
- Leveraging LDN in national development policies, strategies and action plans to pursue LDN
- Facilitating joint learning



3. Synergies Between GSP and LDN TSP

- 1. Improved UNCCD reporting :** Effective use of the UNCCD indicator framework, including provision of default data
- 2. Increased synergies at country level:** Involving key stakeholders in the reporting process, including national focal points for SDGs, Rio Conventions and other commitments
- 3. Improved management of land-related data:** Integrate scientific knowledge in land-based decision making at country level

4. Conclusions

- Enabling activities strengthen implementation of the Convention
- **Capacities** of participating UNCCD reporting entities and LDN TSP countries substantially enhanced
- **Quantity** and **quality** of reports improved
- **Default global data** provided under GEF-supported initiatives help laying solid foundation for informed land-based planning decisions
- Support to participating countries to be continued for **next reporting period**

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