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GEF Side Events at UNCCD COP13

Saturday, September 9, 2017

10:00 - 20:00

Rio Conventions Pavilion

GEF day in the Rio Conventions Pavilion: Partnerships in Action

Topics to be explored over the course of 5 sessions include:

1. What are country experiences in implementing GEF initiatives?
2. How to strengthen country ownership and empower stakeholders?
3. What are the opportunities and challenges in financing synergy and integration?
4. Innovations in science and technology related to sustainable land management.
5. What is the role of civil society and which actions are prioritized at the local level?

The day will be concluded by a GEF reception from 18:20 to 20:00



Wednesday, September 13, 2017

13:00 - 15:00

Venue: MET21

GEF support to UNCCD: Past, Present, to the Future

Past and ongoing initiatives will be highlighted with examples from Ethiopia, and Turkey, drawing lessons in view of Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) and future GEF-7 support.

The event will allow the panel and audience to engage in a discussion of the multiple political, technical, and financing dimensions of striving to achieve LDN, discuss types of incentives necessary, and opportunities for scaling up of SLM at national and regional level by setting out overarching principles to build a Land Degradation Neutral World in a context of climate change and drought, biodiversity loss, and increasing pressures from growing populations.

The GEF representative will give perspectives in view of GEF-7 and the context of the different Impact Programs. The GEF Independent Evaluation Office will present the evaluation of GEF efforts in land degradation and value for money, to draw lessons learned for the future. The audience will be invited for a Q & A session.



Thursday, September 14, 2017

18:00 - 20:00

Venue: MET 20

GEF Enabling Activities in Support of the UNCCD

The GEF-6 Land Degradation Focal Area strategy includes UNCCD Enabling Activity (EA) support. The COP12 in Turkey requested the secretariats of the GEF and the UNCCD to engage in consultations on harmonizing the disbursement of funding for enabling activities with the deadlines for the alignment and the reporting and review process. In response to the COP12 invitation and request, the GEF has organized this side event to update all Parties on the directions of enabling activities in GEF-6.

Designed primarily as a question and answer session, this side event will give opportunity to Parties to interact with the GEF Secretariat about GEF-6 programming in general, and more specifically about enabling activities programming. In addition, special attention will be placed on how to access GEF funding in the ongoing and future replenishments.

Furthermore, EA support also includes support to voluntary LDN target setting. An overview on how the ongoing support is leading to progress will be provided by the GEF along with IUCN, UN Environment and the Global Mechanism.

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