

Just Transformations for People-Centred LDN: creating an enabling environment for sustainable land management and ecosystem restoration

Lessons learned from the GSW 2019 and beyond

Saturday, 7 September 2019, 11:30 - 13:30
MET-09, India Expo Centre, Knowledge Park

A UNCCD COP side-event organized by TMG Research gGmbH in partnership with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) International

Drinks and a light lunch will be served during the event

Inclusive investments in sustainable land management (SLM) are an important response to the urgency of addressing trends of increasing land degradation to address climate change, maintain ecosystem services and enhance food security. Recent reports on the degradation of ecosystems, the loss of biodiversity, or the limited adaptive capacity of smallholder farms to climate change show that decades of investments in SLM have largely failed to achieve their goals: still 24bn tonnes of fertile soil are lost every year and land degradation through human activities is negatively affecting the well-being of more than 3 billion people.

Analyses of SLM programmes demonstrate that the reasons for the lack of adoption more often than not lie in the socio-economic realm: insecure land tenure undermines investments in sustainable land management, extension services do not reach food insecure farmers, and financial services are inaccessible or unaffordable. Despite the theoretical recognition of the importance of investing in land tenure, market access, extension services or social accountability, SLM programmes often fail to effectively respond to it. Insufficient attention towards the enabling environment is one of the key reasons why investments in SLM do not achieve sustained impact while long-term strategies are often missing.

The adoption of global goals on sustainable development provides limited answers for how to achieve them on the ground. Under the title “Creating an Enabling Environment for Sustainable and Climate Resilient Agriculture in Africa”, the **Global Soil Week (GSW) 2019** set out to analyse successful examples of how investments in SLM need to look like in order to create enabling environments at the local level and to achieve sustained impacts, especially in support of vulnerable and marginalized groups. Together with the government of India and the co-hosting governments of Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Madagascar and Kenya, the GSW 2019 gathered more than 200 scientists, policymakers, implementers and government representatives to identify strategies to create an enabling environment for sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture through a bottom-up learning process.

In light of the increasingly urgent need for sustained impacts of inclusive investments in sustainable land management, this side event will build on concrete examples of creating enabling environments in support of more widespread SLM adoption and a land degradation neutral world. It will present the findings of the GSW 2019 and invite a discussion on how the identified strategies can be put into practice for the implementation of LDN projects and programmes. In doing so it will include a discussion on the linkage of SDG 15.3 with the National Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement.

Agenda

from 11:00	Entry and Registration
11:30-11:35	Welcome Anna Katharina Kramer TMG Research, Project Coordinator, Land Governance
11:35-11:45	Opening Remarks Juliane Wiesenhütter GIZ, Programme Manager, Soil Protection, Desertification, Sustainable Land Management
11:45-11:55	Key Note Madame Françoise Assogba Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture, Benin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation of GSW Co-hosting Governments Joint Statement / towards the need for an enabling environment
11:55-12:05	Key Note Anna Katharina Kramer TMG Research, Project Coordinator, Land Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GSW2019: methodology & results ● Key strategies for investments in an enabling environment
12:05-12:25	Panel Inputs & Discussion Moderation: Jes Weigelt, TMG Research, Head of Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rishu Garg, Deputy Director, WOTR, India ● Vishaish Uppal, Director Governance, Law & Policy, WWF India ● Violet Shivutze, Shibuye Community Health Workers, Western Kenya ● Mme. Françoise Assogba, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture, Benin
12:25-12:45	Q & A

12:45-13:00	<p>Panel Inputs & Discussion (cont.)</p> <p>Moderation: Jes Weigelt, TMG Research, Head of Programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rishu Garg, Deputy Director, WOTR, India • Vishaish Uppal, Director Governance, Law & Policy, WWF India • Violet Shivutze, Shibuye Community Health Workers, Western Kenya • Mme. Francoise Assogba, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture, Benin
13:00-13:20	<p>Q & A</p>
13:20-13:30	<p>Closing Words</p> <p>Alexander Müller TMG Research, Managing Director</p>

Speakers



Anna Kramer, TMG Research

Anna is a Project Manager at TMG and works on topics related to land governance, tenure, rights-based approaches and coordinates TMG's work on the Global Soil Week with a focus on 'Creating an Enabling Environment for Land Degradation Neutrality in Africa'. Her interests revolve around the question of how to truly live up to inclusive development processes when it comes to the access and use of land resources.



Juliane Wiesenhütter, GIZ

Juliane Wiesenhütter is a Master graduated Geographer and an expert in International Development with working experience in West and East Africa. Her key competencies include natural resource protection and management, international environmental policies, rural development, Climate change mitigation and adaptation, project management (planning, monitoring and evaluation), institutional development. She is currently a Project Leader in the GIZ Project Soil Protection, Combating Desertification, Sustainable Land Management.



Mme. Françoise Komlan Assogba, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture, Benin GIZ

Françoise Komlan Assogba holds a PhD in Soil Sciences and has been Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Benin since 2017. She previously worked at the National Institute of Agricultural Research in Benin. From 2010 to 2016, she taught courses on horticulture and urban and peri-urban agriculture at several universities and research centres in Benin.



Jes Weigelt, TMG Research

Jes Weigelt is Head of Programmes at TMG Research gGmbH. He gained his PhD in Agronomy at the Humboldt-University in Berlin researching agricultural reform processes in the Brazilian Amazon. He now coordinates processes to foster the knowledge exchange between scientists and decision makers to enable Sustainable Land Management and secure access to land. Before his current position at IASS, he worked for the International Fund for Agricultural Development and worked at the Humboldt-University in Berlin.



Rishu Garg, Deputy Director, WOTR

Rishu Garg is working as Deputy Director, Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR). He has more than 17 years of work experience across many states of India in the field of natural resource management, rural development and climate change adaptation. A postgraduate from the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), he has interest of working on natural resource management with a special focus on adoption of climate resilient measures. All through his career he has championed the cause of empowering community and Panchayati Raj Institutions for taking effective control and management of natural resources at the ground level.



Vishaish Uppal, Director Governance, Law & Policy, WWF India

Vishaish Uppal has over 25 years of experience in working on environmental governance, community level institution building, protected areas, community based natural resource management, clean energy access, gender and social inclusion as well as sustainable livelihood development. She has been working on issues on IP&LC rights, social equity and civil society engagement. She also has been engaged in policy work at the national and international level which are related to forests, biodiversity and sustainable development and has represented WWF at intergovernmental processes including the Convention on Biological Diversity and open working group sessions on SDGs. She has been a member of various Government committees and also the Forest Governance Learning Group, National Campaign of Peoples Right to Information. She is currently is working with WWF India as Director, Governance, Law & Policy.



Violet Shivutze, Shibuye Community Health Workers, Western Kenya

Violet Shivutse is the Founder and Coordinator of Shibuye Community Health Workers, a regional watchdog group, which works with local authorities to actively enforce the land and inheritance rights of women and orphans in Kenya. She has more than a decade of experience building community resilience and climate change adaptation, and negotiating for gender-responsive and grassroots women policy change. She is also an active member of the Huairou Commission, which empowers grassroots women's leadership in the development of resilient communities through global and local initiatives.



Alexander Müller, TMG Research

Alexander Müller is the current head of a global study by the UN Environment Program on "The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity for Agriculture and Food" (TEEBAgriFood). In 2017 he, along with Klaus Töpfer and Harmut Gaßner founded "TMG - Töpfer, Müller, Gaßner GmbH, ThinkTank for Sustainability" as well as TMG Research gGmbH in Berlin, where he works as managing director.