



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

to participate in the application of the WOCAT-UNCCD Gender-responsive Sustainable Land Management tool

Background

The UNCCD Gender Action Plan (GAP) emphasizes that gender equality and women's empowerment are crucial to increase the effectiveness of the implementation of the Convention. Enhancing women's access to improved knowledge and technologies that relate to effective UNCCD implementation is one of the priorities for action of the GAP.

In line with the objectives of the GAP, in 2020, UNCCD and the [World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies \(WOCAT\)](#) global network on sustainable land management (SLM) joined forces to promote Gender-responsive SLM. WOCAT hosts the [UNCCD recommended Global SLM Database](#) used by Parties and other stakeholders for the reporting and sharing of SLM good practices worldwide.

[The UNCCD-WOCAT collaboration on gender](#) aims to enhance the documentation, analysis, dissemination, and scaling of Gender-responsive SLM practices through generation of gender-disaggregated data and knowledge. [A tool was co-designed](#) with gender and SLM experts and tested with partners in 15 countries

to identify gender-based constraints as well as identifying technical and socio-cultural factors which lead to better adoption and dissemination of SLM by women and men. The tool supports project planners, designers, and implementers in their effort to scale up SLM practices that are gender-responsive and informs decision-makers.

Following Decision 24/COP.15 (*...to continue collaboration with the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies to enhance the implementation of the Gender Action Plan and its road map, including to generate gender-disaggregated data to inform gender-responsive policy design for achieving land degradation neutrality.*) UNCCD and WOCAT are launching this call for expression of interest to collect country-specific gender-disaggregated data on SLM practices by applying the Gender-responsive SLM tool. UNCCD stakeholders worldwide are invited to this effort to generate standardized gender-disaggregated data and provide new country insights on Gender-responsive SLM in the context of the upcoming UNCCD COP16.



The Call

This call is a collaborative effort by WOCAT, UNCCD Secretariat and the Nurturing Community of Knowledge Practice for Women in Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems (WeCaN) hosted by FAO. We are looking for a maximum of 40 stakeholders interested in applying the Gender-responsive SLM tool in a concrete local context during the timeframe September-November 2024. We invite applications from UNCCD Parties, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), WeCaN members and other international and national organizations involved in the implementation of SLM practices on the ground. UNCCD COP16 will provide a valuable opportunity to further draw attention to the importance of gender equality in SLM and the provision of country-specific data and knowledge, as highlighted in Decision 24/COP.15, is a key element.

Why should you participate:

- You will be trained and backstopped in applying the UNCCD-WOCAT Gender-responsive SLM tool by WOCAT experts.
- You will be supported in gathering gender-disaggregated data on SLM to support project design and implementation and inform decision-making processes.
- Your data and country insights will be presented – either by yourself or by the UNCCD-WOCAT team – during various events at UNCCD COP16 (e.g. Gender Caucus) to be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 2 – 13 December 2024.
- Jointly we will co-design a number of knowledge products which will feature your country-specific insights.

What does the participation include:

- Getting acquainted with the Gender-responsive SLM tool. WOCAT will organize online training sessions in English, French and Spanish (first half of September 2024).
- Selecting one or more compiler(s) who will collect the data in the field.
- Organizing and conducting group discussion(s) in the field with the community where a SLM practice is implemented (in October 2024).
- Collecting the data needed and filling out the questionnaire in the online database (latest by November 2024).
- Joint planning of events at UNCCD COP16.

Criteria of Selection

The selection will be based on the following criteria:

1. **You are involved in/leading the implementation of a SLM Technology on the ground.** An SLM Technology is a physical practice on the land that controls land degradation and enhances productivity and/ or other ecosystem services. A Technology consists of one or several measures, such as agronomic, vegetative, structural, and management measures. Examples are: agroforestry, home gardens, cross-slope measures, soil fertility management, water harvesting, rangeland management. For more examples on SLM Technologies, visit the WOCAT Database: <https://qcat.wocat.net/en/wocat/list/>
2. **The SLM Technology implemented is relevant in the context of drought resilience.**
3. **The SLM Technology has a (potential) positive impact on women's empowerment and on gender equality in the context of the community where it is applied.**
4. **Your organization is located in one of the following regional Annexes of the Convention:**
 - Annex I: Africa
 - Annex II: Asia
 - Annex III: Latin America and the Caribbean
 - Annex IV: Northern Mediterranean
 - Annex V: Central and Eastern Europe

We additionally welcome applications from countries not belonging to a regional implementation annex.

The selection process will ensure an equal representation of UNCCD Parties, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), WeCaN members and other international and national organizations as well as regional balance.

Please note: If the annual turnover of your organization is smaller than USD 250 000, you will be entitled to apply for a small support (max. USD 600) to cover field expenses for data collection.

APPLICATION AND DEADLINES



If you are interested to join us, please fill in this application form: <https://shorturl.at/qanwQ>

Application deadline is **4 August 2024**. The selected candidates will be informed by **31 August 2024**.

Submissions in English, French and Spanish are welcome.

For any questions you may have, please contact camilla.steinboeck@unibe.ch.

References

[UNCCD-WOCAT collaboration on gender Gender-responsive SLM Questionnaire Gender-responsive SLM Profiles](#)