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UNCCD COP17 SIDE EVENT

Showcase of the Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Framework for Saudi Arabia

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13:30 - 15:00

Saudi Arabia Pavilion

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS EVENT

Saudi Arabia has developed the Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Framework — a standardized, evidence-based approach for documenting and implementing SLM, jointly built by NCVC, NGP, FAO, WOCAT and MEWA. Approved but not yet operationalized, the Framework takes a concrete step forward at this event with the announcement of the first 24 quality-assured SLM practices, offering a replicable model for other dryland countries.

The session shows how standardized documentation and a national SLM knowledge platform will turn international commitments into evidence-based land management decisions

ORGANIZED BY

FAO, WOCAT, NCVC, MEWA

DISCUSSION FOCUS

- Present the SLM Framework as a concrete outcome of UNCCD COP17
- Explain how the Framework ensures the quality and reliability of SLM data
- Show alignment with Saudi Arabia's LDN voluntary targets and Vision 2030 goals
- Announce the publication of the first 24 documented and quality-assured SLM practices
- Explore how the Framework and its first products could be applied, adapted or replicated in other dryland countries

TARGET AUDIENCE

Government ministries and agencies (MEWA, NCVC, NGP), UNCCD Secretariat, FAO, WOCAT, regional bodies (Pan-Africa Great Green Wall Agency), and dryland-country delegations (China, Turkey, Mongolia, Arab States).

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