



Programme of the 19th WOCAT Network Meeting

Up- and Out-scaling Sustainable Land Management and Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 15 to 16 May 2019

(Following the WOCAT Symposium and Field Day (13-14 May 2019) that is open to the wider public)

PLEASE NOTE: the WOCAT Network Meeting will take place right after the WOCAT Symposium on 13 May 2019 and the WOCAT field day on 14 May 2019, which is open for all interested in WOCAT (see separate announcement with separate registration link). All participants of the WOCAT Network Meeting are invited to be part and register for the Symposium and the field day!

Special focus of the 19th WOCAT Network Meeting

This year's WOCAT Network Meeting (WNM) is a closed meeting: invited are a small group of experts with a rich experience in the WOCAT network and in working with WOCAT methods and tools, at different levels from the local landscape / watershed to the national and global levels. The expert group will evaluate the achievements and experiences made so far in applying WOCAT in the different countries, in local, national and international institutions and projects, and contribute to shaping the future of WOCAT as of 2020 to address the needs of countries, projects and other partners.

Participants for the meeting will discuss the following main topics:

- How has WOCAT developed over the past 25 years and what has it achieved.
- What do countries need to effectively address land degradation and implement sustainable land management and achieve land degradation neutrality and other related SDG's and how can WOCAT support the countries.
- What are WOCAT's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and what are possible pathways to overcome challenges and make use of opportunities, while looking at the global network, the standardized methods and tools, the national and global knowledge base, the capacity building activities, etc.
- What are the relevant thematic priorities that will need to guide WOCAT for the coming 5 years, and what are viable strategies including partnerships, funding and organizational structures required for WOCAT to address these priorities most successfully.

Programme structure of the 19th WOCAT Network Meeting

This year's WOCAT Network Meeting will focus on evaluating the global WOCAT programme that leads back 25 years as well as on developing the future of WOCAT and shaping its new agenda and programme as of 2020+. The format of the meeting will be very interactive with short inputs, group discussions and group work. For gaining the best possible outputs, we have invited participants with rich and diverse experiences at different levels in working with WOCAT. The selected participants can contribute in the best possible way to achieve the expected outputs related to evaluating and reshaping WOCAT and its use.

Venue

The 19th WOCAT Network Meeting (WNM) will be held at:

Hotel Nexus
Gerji Mebrathaile Street
Addis Ababa
Ethiopia
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Website: <https://nexusaddis.com/>

Date

Wednesday 15 May - Thursday 16 May

Language of meeting

English and if required translation into Spanish

Organiser / Host

The 19th WNM will be hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Ethiopia and will be jointly organized by the Ministry of Agriculture of Ethiopia, CIAT, WLRC and the WOCAT Secretariat.

We look much forward to your participation. Your participation and input in this meeting is important for shaping the future of WOCAT and its support to upscale SLM and achieve LDN!

Yours truly,

The meeting organisers

Ministry of Agriculture, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), Ethiopia

Water and Land Resource Centre (WLRC), Ethiopia

WOCAT Secretariat, Centre for Development and Environment, University of Berne, Switzerland

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 15 May to Thursday 16 May 2019 – 19th WOCAT Network Meeting (WNM) (2 days)

Venue: Hotel Nexus

Wednesday 15 May 2019

Time	Topic
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and introduction to the WOCAT Network Meeting Introduction of objectives and programme Habtmu Hailu, Ministry of Agriculture, Ethiopia and Hanspeter Liniger, WOCAT Director, Switzerland
Session 1: WOCAT development and countries' perspectives <i>Chair session 1: Albrecht Ehrensperger, CDE WOCAT focal point, Switzerland</i> <i>Rapporteurs session 1: Renate Fleiner, Nicole Harari (WOCAT Secretariat, Switzerland)</i>	
09:10 – 09:25	Dealing with drivers – key findings from WOCAT Symposium topic 1 Sanjeev Bhuchar, ICIMOD WOCAT focal point, Nepal
09:25 – 09:40	Innovative pathways – key findings from WOCAT Symposium topic 2 Godert van Lynden, ISRIC WOCAT focal point, The Netherlands
09:40 – 09:55	Community of practice – key findings from WOCAT Symposium topic 3 Carolina Olivera, FAO, Colombia
09:55 – 10:30	The history of WOCAT, its global position, relevance and challenges Hanspeter Liniger, WOCAT Director, Switzerland
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Countries' perspectives on WOCAT's achievements and role in supporting up- and out-scaling of SLM, addressing country specific needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of objectives and methodology of WOCAT Evaluation (10') • Preliminary results and findings from WOCAT network survey (10') • Review by participants in discussion groups (25') • Feedback from groups to plenary (15') Anna Tengberg, SIWI, Sweden/WOCAT external evaluator
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
Session 2: WOCAT supporting SLM scaling at national and regional level (group work) <i>Chair/moderator session 2: Olga Andreeva, Institute of Geography of Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation; Gete Zeleke, Water and Land Resource Centre (WLRC), Ethiopia</i> <i>Rapporteurs session 2: Renate Fleiner, Nicole Harari (WOCAT Secretariat, Switzerland)</i>	
13:30 – 14:30	A regional perspective on WOCAT Perspectives from regional partners and partner countries on a) achievements in using WOCAT tools and methods at local and national level b) future needs with regards to tools and methods and capacity building c) future collaboration with WOCAT (input presentations of 10' each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia Pacific Meeting participants from this region • Central Asia and Russian Federation Meeting participants from this region • Africa Meeting participants from this region • Latin America Meeting participants from this region

14:30 – 16:00	Moderated discussion on the topics of the external evaluation(in 4-5 groups) Guided by evaluation criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Impacts of WOCAT on land resources and ecosystems, project beneficiaries and target groups at local, national and global level• Effectiveness of WOCAT in supporting SLM scaling up and out in countries• Relevance of WOCAT to SLM priorities and needs at all levels: from local level SLM implementation to national level policy-making.• Adequacy and effectiveness of institutions set-up, funding mechanism and strategy, overall functioning of WOCAT (at national, regional and global level)• Collaboration and synergy use with others (agencies, projects, programs, conventions) particularly the UNCCD• Future priorities and needs
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:15 – 17:15	Key findings presented by groups in plenary
17:15 – 17:50	Discussion, prioritization and agreement on key discussion points and findings by moderator
17:50 – 18:00	Wrap-up of Day 1 by chair
	<i>Free time and time for networking and exchange</i>
19:00 – 20:30	<i>Dinner</i>

Thursday 16 May 2019

Time	Topic
09:00 – 09:10	<p>Welcome and introduction to Day 2 of the WOCAT Network Meeting Introduction of objectives and programme of Day 2 Godert Van Lynden, ISRIC WOCAT focal point, The Netherlands</p>
<p>Session 3: The WOCAT of today and tomorrow <i>Chair session 3: Sanjeev Bhuchar, ICIMOD WOCAT focal point, Nepal</i> <i>Rapporteurs session 3: Renate Fleiner, Nicole Harari (WOCAT Secretariat, Switzerland)</i></p>	
09:10 – 10:30	<p>The WOCAT of today and tomorrow Perspectives from WOCAT and partners on WOCAT's set up, partnerships, tools and methods contributing to LDN and linking knowledge to implementation (input presentations of 10' each, followed by discussion in plenary)</p> <p>WOCAT's assets and niches related to tools and methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of tools to support LDN reporting Hanspeter Liniger, WOCAT Director, Switzerland (also on behalf of Conservation International, Washington USA) • WOCAT-FAO Decision Support Framework for mainstreaming and scaling out SLM and local level decision-making Nicole Harari, WOCAT Secretariat, Switzerland with Stefan Schlingloff, FAO, Italy • The WOCAT Carbon Benefit Project linkage Mark Easter, Colorado State University, United States (tbc) • The role of research and knowledge to provide SLM evidence for implementation Hanspeter Liniger, WOCAT Director, Switzerland <p>The future of WOCAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WOCAT strategy and outlook on 2020+ Albrecht Ehrensperger, CDE WOCAT focal point, Switzerland • The WOCAT International Consortium Godert Van Lynden, ISRIC WOCAT focal point • The WOCAT UNCCD partnership Jeroen Van Dalen, UNCCD Secretariat, Germany • WOCAT's funding opportunities Stefan Schlingloff, FAO WOCAT focal point, Italy and Nicole Harari, WOCAT Secretariat, Switzerland
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<p>The WOCAT of today and tomorrow (continued)</p>
<p>Session 4: Shaping WOCAT's future to support achieving the SDGs (group work) <i>Chair/moderator session 4: Albrecht Ehrensperger, CDE WOCAT focal point, Switzerland; Carolina Olivera, FAO, Colombia</i> <i>Rapporteurs session 4: Renate Fleiner, Nicole Harari (WOCAT Secretariat, Switzerland)</i></p>	
11:30 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key findings on needs, priorities, mechanisms to reach a new WOCAT Strategy 2020+ Input presentation including key findings from last 1,5 days Anna Tengberg, SIWI, Sweden/WOCAT external evaluator • Country/regional perceptions (summary from participants) and overall perception Stefan Schlingloff, FAO WOCAT focal point, Italy and Gete Zeleke, Water and Land Resource Centre (WLRC), Ethiopia • Discussion in plenary

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch break*

13.00 – 14.15 **Moderated discussion in view of shaping WOCAT's future(4-5 groups)**

To identify key priorities and needs with regards to:

- LDN, the implementation of UNCCD and other global issues such as water, biodiversity, climate change adaptation and mitigation, DRR etc.
- Tools and methods to support SLM scaling up and out
- SLM/LDN capacity building
- WOCAT set-up at global, regional and national level to support the above

14:15 – 15:00 **Group presentations on key statements and core elements**

15:00 – 15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30 – 16:15 **Prioritization and agreement on key statements and core elements for the WOCAT strategy/Aide Memoire**

by moderator

17:15 – 17:30 **Wrap-up of Day 2 and closing of WOCAT Network Meeting**

Albrecht Ehrensperger, CDE WOCAT focal point, Switzerland; Hanspeter Liniger, WOCAT Director, Switzerland; Habtamu Hailu, Ministry of Agriculture, Ethiopia

Free time and time for networking and exchange

19:00 – 20:30 *Dinner*

Friday 17 May 2019

Time	Topic
Morning	Departure of participants
	Time available in Addis Ababa depending on travel schedule
	Steering Committee members and invitees will be participating in the WOCAT International Steering Committee Meeting