



IUCN Position

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- Commit to create innovative partnerships with public and private actors, civil society and the land users to scale up land restoration.

Strengthen and operationalize synergies with the other Rio Conventions and other relevant agreements and processes

- Prioritise land restoration as a way to achieve the goals of all 3 Rio Conventions, and develop monitoring and reporting mechanisms that effectively and practically operationalize synergies across them;
- As national efforts continue to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, seize the opportunity of the ongoing negotiations towards the adoption of a Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, to further emphasize and
in biodiversity conservation and sustainable development and the need for the application of human rights and gender responsive approaches;
- Strengthen institutional mechanisms for cross-sectoral management of the diverse rangelands resources across the relevant sectors, including environment, agriculture, forest and water;
- Promote LDN as the entry point to facilitate the establishment of the above-mentioned mechanisms and integrate them in policies and investments; and
- Rally around the Great Green Wall Initiative, ramping up collective work across governments, Civil Society Organisations and local communities towards achieving the vision of the GGW and ultimately, large-scale economic, social and biodiversity impact across the Sahel.

natural hazards are also triggered by ecosystem and land degradation.

Nature should be used as a response to invest in drought, which will leverage multiple benefits. **Parties need to recognize the role of land health in reducing drought and drought impacts.**

adaptation as well as biodiversity conservation including through integrated approaches to addressing land health (Agenda item 3). Importantly, application of human rights and gender responsive approaches in this respect is essential. IUCN stands ready to continue supporting Parties in developing and strengthening their Gender Action Plans.

In this respect, **IUCN recommends Parties to prioritize land restoration as a way to achieve the goals of all three Rio Conventions,**