



Global Grasslands & Svannahs Dialogue Platform: Policies for Grassland, Rangeland and Savannahs

16th March 2021:

Time: 14:30-16:00 CET / 13:30-15:00 GMT / 10:30-12:00 Brasilia / 08:30-10:00 EST / 16:30-18:00 Nairobi

In the meeting we want to discuss and explore possibilities to influence global agendas like the UN Conventions and the UN DECADE on Ecosystem Restoration on actions for grassland* protection, management and restoration. In 2021 important decisions would have to be made by setting the new targets for the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Frameworks, Government have been asked to submit new and up-dated National Determined Contributions under the Paris agreement and UNCCC COP 15 will be this year. Furthermore UN Food Systems Summit in September and the launch of the UN Decade offer opportunities for grassland actions. The preparation of the IYRP and the IUCN motion for grassland and savannah need to be concretize.

Agenda:

When	What	Who
14:30-14:35	Welcome and objectives	Martina Fleckenstein (WWF)
14:35-14:45	Updates of Working Groups and Rangeland Atlas	Nigel Dudley (Equilibrium), Fiona Flintan (ILRI)
14:45-14:55	Grasslands on the Global Stage – opportunities for transformation in the UN Conventions (UNCBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD)	Martina Fleckenstein (WWF International)
14:55-15:05	UN DECADE on Ecosystems Restoration	Abdelkader Bensada, (UNEP)
15:05-15:15	Advancing International Action for Rangeland Restoration	Bora Masumbuko (IUCN)
15:15-15:20	IUCN Grasslands and Savannahs Motion: Next steps	Nigel Dudley (Equilibrium)
15:20-15:30	Applying policies for landscape conservation: the Cerrado	Karina Berg (WWF- International)
15:30-15:50	Break out group discussions:	
	Group 1: UN Decade on Restoration	
	Group 2: UN Conventions	
15:50-16:00	Feedback and next steps for collaboration – Poll questions	

*Grassland is synonym for all type of grassland ecosystems:

Questions for Breakout Groups:

- What tangible change would you like the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration or the UN Conventions to have on your work* (*landscape / conservation / programmes)?
- How could this group contribute to / accelerate that change?

- Does your organisation intend to actively engage in the UN Decade, if so how?
- How do we ensure that grasslands and savannahs get a high profile in the UN Decade / UN Conventions and are not overshadowed by Forests?