



Global Grassland and Savannah Dialogue Platform



13. Meeting Global Momentum for Grasslands, Savannahs and Rangelands

29. June 2022

Agenda

- Learn about outcome of UNCCD COP and the Global Coalition on Grasslands, Savannahs and Rangelands (GSR)
- Discuss opportunities to strengthen GSR at the UNFCCC and UNCBD Conference of Parties
- Exchange information on plans for engagement like joint side-events
- Up-coming reports and other issues

Agenda

- Welcome
- Outcomes of the UNCCD COP 15, proposals for a Global Coalition on Grassland, Savannah and Rangeland (Karina Berg, WWF)
- Discussion on options for a Global Coalition and next steps (moderated by Nigel Dudley, Equilibrium Research)
- Up-date on policy work on restoration for the CBD Open Ended Working Group meeting in Nairobi (Barbara Bendandi, WWF)
- Input to the UNFCCC COP 27: Technical report on Impact of Mitigation and Adaptation for Grasslands, Savannahs and Rangelands (Sophie Cowling, PlantLife)
- Stockholm 50+ - (Martina Fleckenstein)
- Supporting pastoralists Outlook on further opportunities (Maryam Niamir-Fuller, IYRP)
- Discussion



UNITED NATIONS DECADE ON
ECOSYSTEM
RESTORATION
2021-2030

UNCCD COP 15

GRASSLANDS, SAVANNAHS & RANGELANDS COALITION FOR FOOD, PEOPLE AND NATURE

High Level Breakfast

WEDNESDAY

11th May, 8:30 AM

UNCCD COP15

SOFITEL ABIDJAN,

ROOM MET-09



United Nations
Convention to Combat
Desertification

Karina Berg – 24th May 2022

Launch of Grassland, Savannah and Rangeland Coalition (GSR)



The GSR Coalition will:

- Build **political momentum** for the recognition of the pivotal role played by **grasslands, savannahs and rangelands** for food, people and nature with a view to increasing public and private investments to protect, restore and sustainably manage these landscapes.
- Ensure that the **multiple benefits of grassland, savannah and rangeland restoration** are accounted for as key contributions to land degradation neutrality (LDN), climate, mitigation, biodiversity protection, and food security.
- **Restore at least 90 million hectares of degraded grasslands, savannahs and rangelands by 2030** to enhance food and freshwater security and become “nature positive”.



Grasslands, Savannahs & Rangelands Coalition

for Food, Nature & People: Participants at Abidjan COP event

Objectives

1. Political momentum
2. Policy & advocacy
3. Investment
4. Restoration

27 Countries

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| 1. Algeria | 9. Ecuador | 19. Mongolia |
| 2. Armenia | 10. France | 20. Morocco |
| 3. Bangladesh | 11. Guatemala | 21. Nepal |
| 4. Bhutan | 12. Haiti | 22. Turkey |
| 5. Cameroon | 13. Italy | 23. Saudi Arabia |
| 6. Central African Republic | 14. Gabon | 24. UK |
| 7. China | 15. Georgia | 25. USA |
| 8. Dominican Republic | 16. Germany | 26. UAE |
| | 17. Mali | 27. Zambia |
| | 18. Mexico | |

Partners

1. African Development Bank
2. CIFOR-ICRAF
3. CGIAR-CIAT
4. FAO
5. GCF
6. GEF
7. IUCN
8. UNCCD
9. UNEP

VISION

Nature & ecosystem services are protected, maintained & restored in grasslands & savannahs

Policy & Legislation

- Policy process interventions in Rio Conventions (UNCCD / CBD / UNFCCC)
- Enabling environment: national legislation to protect, sustainably manage & restore, producer incentives

Resources for Implementation

- Regional or sub regional programmes
- National resources
- Bilateral & multilateral donors
- Private sector
- Foundation

Private Sector

- Commitments
- Transparency mechanisms
- Sustainable value chains

Technology & Tools

- Mapping
- Synthesis and meta research
- Monitoring systems
- Knowledge sharing & dissemination



Grasslands, Savannahs & Rangelands Coalition

Expectations

- ❖ Collective voice for GSR
- ❖ Advocacy group or *Group of Friends*
- ❖ Country driven
- ❖ Technical support: WWF, IUCN and networks (dialogue platform, etc)





UNCCD support & processes

ENGAGEMENT: Sunday 8th May - presented to regional groups: Africa / Asia / Central & Eastern Europe, LAC, Northern Mediterranean

POLICY DECISION: 10. 2: *To continue supporting the development of new initiatives subject to the availability of resources, for the sustainable management and restoration of all degraded lands such as peatlands, grasslands and savannas to safeguard these threatened ecosystems and to ensure food and freshwater security for groups in vulnerable situations.*

PROJECT PREPARTION PARTNERSHIP: GCF umbrella project & GEF 8

G20 LAND INITIATIVE: \$70 million managed by UNCCD on behalf of Saudi Arabia

MANAGEMENT SUPPORT: Exec Secretary, Deputy Exec Secretary, G20 Director, Global Mechanism Director, Coordinator of Policy Advocacy & External Relations



Opportunities to Influence Policies on Grasslands, Rangelands and Savannahs

Nature-based restoration and multipurpose use of rangelands

- **Action 1:** Stockholm+50 to call on countries to urgently stop conversion of rangelands, including grasslands and savannahs, and to restore 50% by 2030 through sustainable, participatory nature-based solutions.
- **Action 2:** Stockholm+50 to call on countries and the private sector to ensure that deployment of large-scale renewable energy schemes in rangelands, including grasslands and savannahs, are mutually beneficial for pastoralists and ecosystems without unintended negative social and environmental impacts.
- **Action 3:** To strengthen a global coalition/platform for the sustainable stewardship and nature-based restoration of rangelands, including grasslands and savannahs (recently presented at UNCCD COP 15), securing sustainable livelihoods for all pastoralists and benefiting the planet.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8OSXVsBEqw

450 on livestream and 80 in the room



High level policy and advocacy moments 2022/2023

