

SIDE EVENT

LEVERAGING DIASPORA RESOURCES FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

Thursday 5th December 2024 | 11:30 am | Room 25

Remittances and diaspora investments represent one of the greatest opportunities for rural communities to build climate resilience and sustainable land use in Africa, thereby improving life chances and reducing migration. These resources can promote greater climate adaptation in rural communities, improving economic security, reducing the incentives to migrate, and encouraging the eventual return and reintegration of migrants.

Recent research and initiatives indicate that remittance families are more likely to adopt strategies that promote climate resilience in farm and non-farm activities. These range from the diversification of productive activities to the increased use of financial services. Diaspora investors also support investments back home that contribute to climate resilience in rural communities.

In this context, the **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)** and the **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)** have partnered to contribute to the **Sustainability, Stability and Security (3S) Initiative in Africa**. This partnership seeks to enable rural remittance families and their communities to build climate resilience and improve sustainable land management, thereby enhancing livelihoods, food and water security, rural youth employment, and reducing the incentives for migration due to climate change. Toward these ends, the IFAD-UNCCD activity aims to improve the options for both remittance families and diaspora investors to use their resources in a more productive and sustainable manner.

The side event will be the opportunity to present IFAD-UNCCD approach to "**Leveraging Remittances and Diaspora Investment for Climate Resilience and Sustainable Land Use**" and the main findings of new recent reports on migrant remittances and diaspora investment as a resource for climate resilience in a structured dialogue with UNCCD national focal points, donors representatives and key stakeholders.



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Welcome remarks

Ms Louise Baker, Managing Director, Global Mechanism at UNCCD

Migrant's Economic Contribution to Climate Resilience

Mr Mauro Martini, Senior Technical Specialist, Financing Facility for Remittances (FFR), IFAD

Presentation of the Study: "Remittances and diaspora investment as a means for climate adaptation in Mali"

Mr Martin Fleury, Co-founder, R.M.D.A

Good practices: Diaspora impact investment for climate resilience in rural Mali

Ms Alima Keita, Co-founder, Ciwara

Reactions from Governments and International Donors

Mr Khalid Cherki, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Development, and Water and Forests in Morocco

Mr Asher Nkegbe, Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation in Ghana

Mr Niclas Gottmann, Policy Officer, Land and Environment, DG INTPA, European Commission

Q&A from the floor

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