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## Integrating Land Tenure into Sustainable Land Management

National multistakeholder consultations to restore degraded land, boost climate resilience, and improve local livelihoods.

Land users are more likely to make investments when they have realistic expectations that they will benefit from the returns. Integrating land tenure considerations into land degradation neutrality (LDN) and land restoration policies, projects, and programmes can contribute to better land and water management and other regenerative practices that enhance food and water security, rural livelihoods, and climate action. The UNCCD-FAO joint initiative builds the experiences of partners at all scales during the 10 years of VGGT implementation and aims to ensure that tenure-responsive land management and restoration remain actionable priorities that contribute to the global land agenda.

**Introduction and Welcome Remarks:** **Sasha Alexander** (Policy Officer, UNCCD)

**Setting the Scene:** **Andrea Mesa** (Deputy Executive Secretary, UNCCD), **Aurelie Bres** (Land & Water Officer, FAO)

### Panel 1: Country and Civil Society Reflections

#### **Julian Noel**

Forester and National Focal Point for AFR100 in Madagascar

#### **Orlando Rayo**

Senior Advisor, National Indigenous Organization of Colombia

#### **George Tarus**

Head of the Forest Conservation Directorate in Kenya

#### **Eva Maria Okoth**

Senior Programme Officer for ILC-Africa

#### **Beth Roberts**

Director, Center for Women's Land Rights at Landesa

### Panel 2: Global and Donor Perspectives

#### **Ulrich Apel**

Senior Environmental Specialist at the GEF

#### **Alexander Mueller**

Founder and Managing Director of TMG

#### **Gemma Betsema**

Senior Programme Advisor for the Netherlands LAND-at-scale

#### **Romy Sato**

Knowledge Management Lead at Landportal

#### **Dominik Wellmann**

Land Governance Advisor at GIZ



[Technical Guide](#) on the Integration of the VGGTs into LDN

[Synergy Brief](#) – Securing tenure to restore land and safeguard livelihoods