

Break out group discussions:
Desertification, drought and land
degradation

Main priorities

- Slow onset and rapid onset events interact in a way that it becomes hard to distinguish between the two
- Slow onset event – though termed in the DRR concept, in this process speaks to longer term processes (change in norms of droughts, desertification and land degradation)
- Approaches to loss and damage also follows a continuum with overlaps in adaptation
- Possible to identify context of discussions: For example tipping elements of natural and social systems
- Need to take into account of a cause and effect perspective

Main priorities

- Forest essential part of the sub-theme of land degradation
- Loss of territory, loss of livelihood, approaches of countries to cope with shocks
- Importance of non economic losses: Difficulty to assess issues such as cultural heritage etc. No monetary compensation possible for such losses. Loss and damage is not just about compensation/money
- Attribution: Climate change is only one factor especially in desertification and land degradation
- Priority: Need for enhanced capacity, knowledge management and technical resourcing for addressing loss and damage
- Priority: Need for community participatory
- Linkages – need to create synergies with other processes (e.g. other UN convention ->UNCCD)

Responses and Strategies: Shared good practice

- Need for assessment essential first step
- Communication and subsequent adaptation
- Good practice: Georgia
- Land zoning: Good example for the need to meet top-down and bottom-up
- Localized approaches (e.g. approaches depends on the nature of the land, exposure and vulnerabilities)
- Integrated water management
- Insurance
- Knowledge and action gap: Barrier analysis to adaptation

Regional priorities

- Water insecurity! Food insecurity and energy insecurity
- Risk of loss and damage of pastoralist societies
- Transboundary solutions
- Institutional and regulatory – legislative upscale (both locally, nationally and across countries)