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**Concept Note**  
**Land Use Action Event**  
**“Landscapes for life: Demonstrating inclusive, just and  
resilient transformation of the land use sector”**

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

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10:00-12:00  
Room IBIS

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Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

## MP “Land Use”: Landscapes for life: Demonstrating inclusive, just and resilient transformation of the land use sector

<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>The event will motivate actors to expand and accelerate their impact by showing inspiring land use sector examples that enhance resilience, strengthen adaptation, halve emissions and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030. The event will present evidence of concrete actions that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transforming the land use sector with a goal of conserving and restoring the world’s natural terrestrial ecosystems and reshaping land-based production systems;</li> <li>• Turning financing pledges into billions invested in nature;</li> <li>• Supporting and equipping the most vulnerable and affected groups to face climate change risks, enhance their resilience and realize their contribution towards the sector’s transformation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Headline</b></p>	<p>Landscapes for Life. Protecting, restoring and sustainably managing terrestrial ecosystems in a just and inclusive manner is at the core of human development, our life support systems and the Paris Agreement goals.</p>
<p><b>Suggested outcomes aligned to the narrative</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Generate knowledge on scalable practices:</b> innovative and integrative approaches to ecosystem conservation and restoration with a focus on implementation, resilience in Africa and the Global South discussed and mapped.</li> <li>2. <b>Call for closing the climate finance gap for sustainable landscapes:</b> the potential of private and public finance for Nature Based solutions realised, current barriers to a significant increase in funding and examples of how they have been solved, with the focus on the Global South.</li> <li>3. <b>Address social inclusivity:</b> the essential conditions needed for a just and inclusive land system transformation in face of the climate crisis, elevating the voices of the most vulnerable and affected groups to focus on their rights, contributions and needs mainstreaming.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<p>Glasgow’s Climate Pact is an urgent call to exponentiate efforts to increase resilience and curtail emissions across all sectors in a just and equitable manner. The only way to do that is if all actors rethink their strategies to make them substantially more ambitious.</p> <p>The objective of the event is to unpack what this means for the land use sector, which must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- drop emissions from loss and degradation of primary forests by at least 70 per cent by 2030 from 2020 levels; and</li> <li>- reduce emissions from agriculture and food systems by at least 50 Gt CO2 eq by 2030 as part of a just and fair transition while improving yields and sustainable and efficient production, and providing sufficient support to</li> </ul>



	<p>smallholders to implement more sustainable farming practices.</p> <p>First, the event will look at the scale of the transformation needed to maximize the role of nature in climate change mitigation and adaptation and how decision-makers can work together to implement large programmes with the support of technology, innovative funding and conducive rules and regulations. Second, the event will unveil the role of key supporting actors in civil society, including in generating science and data to support decision-making as well as in ensuring that solutions are designed for and with people living and working in these landscapes, thereby increasing their capacities, sharing examples of emerging success stories. The event will prioritise the voices of Indigenous Peoples and local communities who are at the forefront of protecting, restoring and sustainably managing natural ecosystems.</p>
<p><b>*Participants</b></p>	<p>The participants and speakers will represent the following stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Private sector companies</b> who are taking climate action and have a strong commitment to decarbonize their operations or portfolio under the land-use sector through NbS, as well as small and medium size companies from the Global South who are supporting the transition to healthy landscapes by providing access to innovation and technology.</li> <li>○ <b>Private financial institutions</b> in the areas of climate and biodiversity.</li> <li>○ <b>Public finance actors</b> ODA, IFI, etc</li> <li>○ <b>Local actors</b>, including representatives from Indigenous Peoples and local governments and communities, small-scale farmer organizations and small-scale entrepreneurs who rely on land use sectors to provide their livelihoods.</li> <li>○ <b>Country, region and city representatives</b> who are leading the expanded implementation of NbS in their national and subnational climate change policies and practices.</li> <li>○ <b>Civil society</b> who is advocating for climate action in the land-use sector, food system transformation and NbS</li> <li>○ <b>Research and tech institutions</b> working on NbS and food system transformation to achieve a sustainable and resilient 1.5°C world.</li> <li>○ <b>Intergovernmental organizations</b> and frameworks with a direct impact on NbS and Food Systems Transformation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key messages</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Land Use sectors which are at the core of human development and our life support systems (food, water, clean air, pollination, etc.) offer the largest opportunity for emission reductions of any sector.</li> <li>● Protecting, restoring, and better managing natural and productive landscapes are crucial strategies to store terrestrial carbon, conserve biodiversity, and boost agricultural productivity for climate-resilient development.</li> <li>● Collective action is critical, therefore state (including national, regional and local governments) and non-state actors (including business, civil society, small-scale farmers and food producers and others) must work together to reduce emissions from agriculture and food systems by at least 50 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> as</li> </ul>



	<p>part of a just and fair transition and to be carbon negative by 2050 (Race to Zero Campaign goals).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jurisdictional approaches are a critical tool to halt deforestation, reinforce government leadership, strengthen multi-stakeholder processes, provide an enabling environment for companies and financial institutions, and ensure inclusiveness and climate justice for the most vulnerable and affected groups, including Indigenous Peoples and local communities.</li> <li>• The finance sector is able to realign capital investment for a green economy and transform the land-based industry in a way that halts deforestation by 2025, stops other terrestrial ecosystem loss by 2030 and exponentiates financial flows for NBS.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Logistics</b></p>	<p><i>Room layout: Climate Action Room IBIS</i>  <i>Capacity: 300 pax</i>  <i>Davos style seating</i></p>

## Agenda

Timing	Session Description and Format	Speakers	Comments
3 mins	Welcome and overview of the event: Setting the scene and introducing the themes and challenges that need to be addressed at the event	Master of the ceremony: <b>Mario Boccucci</b> , Head UN-REDD Programme Secretariat	
4 mins	Welcoming remarks	<b>Mahmoud Mohieldin</b> , High-Level Champion of Egypt	
6 mins	Presentation: <b>The current state of world ecosystems in the context of climate change.</b>	<b>Michael Wolosin</b> , Conservation International	
40 mins	<p><b>Innovative and integrative approaches to ecosystem protection and restoration - biodiversity and climate change crisis tackled together</b></p> <p>Examples where actors showcase key success factors: what worked, what didn't. Aspects like:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enhanced climate policy, incentives and development instruments that tackle dimensions of mitigation, adaptation &amp; resilience and biodiversity.</li> <li>2. Multi-stakeholder collaboration examples to achieve this.</li> <li>3. Transforming investment in and production of key commodities through the implementation of deforestation-free and net-zero commitments.</li> <li>4. Upscale restoration efforts at global and regional levels are grounded in community-led efforts with effective governance systems for multi-sector participation and sustained finance.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Severin Kalonga</b>, Lead, Forest Landscape Restoration in Africa Initiative, WWF Tanzania</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Frannie Leautier</b>, Senior Partner SouthBridge Group, and CEO of South Bridge Investments</p> <p><b>Walter Schalka</b>, CEO, Suzanno</p> <p><b>Lolita Esther Piyahuaje Siquihua</b>, Vice President, CONFENIAE (Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuadorian Amazon),</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A section:</b> <b>Sayda Melina Rodríguez</b>, Secretary of Sustainable Development, State of Yucatan, Mexico.</p> <p><b>Patricia Ellen</b>, Partner and Head of Brazil Office, Systemiq, Aya's Global South coalition.</p>	<p><i>3 min introduction of the topic</i></p> <p><i>3 speakers, one moderator (30 mins)</i></p> <p><i>7 mins Q&amp;A from the audience</i></p>

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6 mins	TED talk: <b>Financial mechanisms for the protection of high-carbon ecosystems and ecosystem restoration</b>	<b>Kate Wharton</b> , Associate Principal And Head Of Natural Capital, Crossboundary	
40 mins	<p><b>Just and inclusive land system transformation</b></p> <p>This session will showcase examples of how just and inclusive transition to sustainable land use and agricultural practices are helping to prevent land degradation, help to restore and protect natural ecosystems.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>example of social entrepreneurship that provides access to innovation and technology to help transition to sustainable, regenerative and climate-smart land use and farming practices.</li> <li>example of large-scale initiatives on restoration and integrated landscape management and transition to more sustainable farming practices, while increasing food security and livelihoods.</li> <li>example of indigenous communities and sustainable landscape management.</li> </ol>	<p>Moderation: <b>Susan Chomba</b>, Director of Vital Landscapes for Africa, WRI</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Ms Nardos Bekele-Thomas</b>, Chief Executive Officer, AUDA-NEPAD (tbc)  <b>Mathias Charles Yabe</b>, founder, AkoFresh  <b>Belen Paez</b>, Executive Director, Pachamama Foundation</p>	<p><i>3 min introduction of the topic</i></p> <p><i>3 speakers, one moderator (30 mins)</i></p> <p><i>7 mins Q&amp;A from the audience Chiara</i></p>
5 mins	TED talk: <b>Enabling environment at the national level for farmers and forests to implement the transition towards sustainable land use practices.</b>	<b>Lee White</b> , Minister of Forests, Oceans, Environment and Climate Change, Gabonese Republic	
5 mins	TED talk: <b>Nature Tech for sustainable management of land use systems.</b>	<b>Mark Gough</b> , CEO, Capitals Coalition (tbc)	
4 mins	Closing Remarks	<b>Stewart Maginnis</b> , IUCN Deputy Director General	