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Concept Note

Land Use Action Event:

**Maximizing the contribution of the land use sector to a
1.5°C climate neutral and resilient world**

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MPGCA Land Use: Maximizing the contribution of the land use sector to a 1.5°C climate neutral and resilient world

Description:

The event will showcase concrete examples in land use sector that successfully unite policy makers, experts and private sector to design and implement nature-based solutions addressing the climate crisis. Furthermore, the event will discuss pathways to accelerate the transformational change needed to maximize the contribution of the land use sector towards a climate neutral future in 2050.

Objective of the event towards the following issues:

About 23% of global anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions come from agriculture, forestry and other land uses. Land use change, such as clearing forests to make way for farms, drives these emissions. At the same time, response options from the land use sector are at the center of the global response to climate change and are also essential for human development. Land conditions affected by climate change exacerbate the impacts of extreme events and put at risk the sustained provision of food, water, and livelihoods. Usually seen as a significant contributor to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the land use sector is starting to gain more attention as a fundamental Nature-based Solution (NbS) to tackle climate change, with activities such as conservation and restoration, agroecology, climate-smart agriculture, and improved land/terrestrial and ecosystem management. Land use is in fact uniquely placed to help countries to deliver on both climate goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The purpose of this event is to increase the ambition for climate action and to define a “Roadmap for the Land Use sector” to deliver an inclusive, sustainable and resilient 1.5°C world. The event will highlight the following:

Pre-2020 action:

- Showcasing pre-2020 action and specific examples of transition, success cases achieved through the existing initiatives and partnerships of public, private, state and non-state actors to generate increased mitigation and adaptation outcomes in the Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) sector. Reflection on lessons learned and what to look for to ensure success on the way forward.
- Exchange on emergent innovations in finance and positive finance signals to accelerate action to reduce degradation and forest loss, as a learning opportunity for stakeholders contributing to the implementation of NbS.
- Highlighting best practices and policies that reduce the vulnerability and enhance the adaptive capacity of communities, particularly vulnerable groups including smallholder farmers, women, youth and indigenous communities, that rely on the land use sector to maintain their livelihoods.

Post-2020 action:

- Explore implementation pathways to achieve the full contribution of NbS in the LULUCF sector for a 1.5 °C world; and needs to scale up current initiatives and overcome gaps from different perspectives including government measures, market readiness, financial mechanisms, private sector paradigm shift, multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral collaboration. This will be achieved by providing examples of selected commitments made under the NbS track included in *The Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Manifesto* and in the outcomes of the Climate Action Summit.
- Discuss the barriers to scale up by identifying robust implementation & monitoring solutions as well as financial means for integrating NbS in the national climate change strategies and implement them on the ground.
- Based on the previous discussions, identify the roadmap to incorporate and increase ambitions for NbS in countries (NDCs) supporting the Paris Agreement as well as for actions by non-government actors (pre-existing commitments to zero-deforestation, supply chains, etc). The outcome is focussed on how the future needs to look in 2050 and how the land use sector action can contribute towards this future.

Types of speakers:

The event aims to create a unique dialogue, cutting across all levels of climate actors in land use sector. The participants and speakers will represent the following stakeholders:

- Representatives from indigenous groups, farmer organizations and small-scale entrepreneurs that rely on land use sectors to provide their livelihoods.
- Private sector companies in just transition who are taking climate action and have strong climate commitment in land use sectors and NbS.
- Country and region representatives who are leading the integration of NbS in their national climate change policies.
- Representatives from NGOs, national and international research organizations working on NbS to achieve sustainable and resilient 1.5°C world.