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SIDE EVENT

Scaling-Up Investment into Land Restoration: Getting the Biggest Bang for the Buck

Date: Wednesday 13 September 2017

Time: 13:00-15:00 hrs

Venue: Room MET-20

Snacks and fruit will be provided

How can we ensure that restoration efforts balance multiple goals while being inclusive, farmer-led and affordable?

Land degradation is at the nexus of a vicious spiral linking low primary productivity and biodiversity loss with poverty, hunger, instability and insecurity. Yet the environmental, social and economic functions of even seriously degraded landscapes can be restored if all stakeholders, from farmers and pastoralists to policymakers and businesses, can find ways to work together.

Exploring how this can be done at scale and at low cost is the objective of a new five-year European Union-funded project involving eight African countries, which aims to uncover pathways for large-scale restoration across the world. This event will explore the key ingredients needed to achieve restoration at a truly massive scale, while also looking at successful initiatives from Ethiopia, Niger, Rwanda and China.

Key speakers at the event will include:

Bernard Crabbé, European Commission

Mark Schauer, German International Cooperation

Dennis Garrity, World Agroforestry Centre

Cai Mantang, Elion Resources

Baidi Ba, Senegal

Dr Teshome Tamirat, Ethiopia

Abdou Malam Issa, DG Eaux et Forêts Niger