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**INTEGRATED LAND
USE PLANNING TO
REVERSE THE TREND:
FROM DEGRADED LAND TO HEALTHY SOILS –
FOR FOOD SECURITY AND LAND DEGRADATION NEUTRALITY**

Thursday 16 November 2023, 08:00-10:00 (GMT+5) | MET-12

The poster features a large, stylized circular graphic on the right side, resembling a traditional wheel or a decorative element, with a photograph of people working in a field of young plants. The background shows a mountain range under a clear sky.

The growing demand for food is placing increasing pressure on land and water resources. Integrated Land Use Planning (ILUP) - at different levels of decision-making, addressing potential trade-offs in each setting, and taking into account the various social, climatic and ecological conditions as well as the different sectoral and individual interests in how the land and water - should be used.

30 years after publishing the first '[Guidelines for Land-Use Planning](#)' in 1993, a new version "Guidelines for Integrated Land Use Planning – an update" looking at new challenges, demands and insights for ILUP is being produced by FAO in collaboration with key partner institutions. At the same time, GIZ will launch a Guidebook on how to navigate evidence-based decision-making in Integrated Land Use Planning.

The objectives of the event are to:

- (a) Provide a clearer and more concise understanding of the new resources on ILUP.
 - (b) Raise awareness about ILUP and land degradation, climate change and biodiversity.
 - (c) Invite countries and partners to share their experiences, good practices and challenges.
 - (d) Discuss country needs in applying integrated processes of land use planning.
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Agenda

Welcome Remarks, Mr. Abduvokhid Zakhadullaev, Head of International Relations and Ecotourism, Department of Agency on Forestry, Ministry of Ecology, Environment Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan, UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Focal Point

Integrated Land Use Planning Guideline - An Update, Mr. Feras Ziadat, Technical Officer, Land and Water Division, FAO

Navigating evidence-based decision-making in Integrated Land Use Planning, Ms. Nina Bisom, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)/ The Economics of Land Degradation(ELD)

Experiences in Integrated Land Use Planning from practitioners' perspective, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ms. Melisa Ljusa, University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

Morocco, Mr. Khalid Sherki, Responsable de la Coopération Internationale, UNCCD Focal Point
Uzbekistan, Mr. Abduvokhid Zakhadullaev, Head of International Relations and Ecotourism, Department of Agency on Forestry, Ministry of Ecology, Environment Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan, UNCCD Focal Point

ILUP in the Decision Support Framework for SLM mainstreaming and scaling-out, Mr. Tatenda Lemann, World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) Executive Team member, Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern

Input: The role of ILUP for synergies among land-based targets of the Rio Conventions: findings from Rwanda and the upcoming regional study in Central Asia, Dr. Alisher Mirzabaev, Senior Scientist – Policy Analysis/ Climate Change, Department of Sustainable Impact, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)

Closing Remarks, Ms. Vera Boerger, Senior Land and Water Officer, Land and Water Division, FAO

Moderator: Mr. Jeff Herrick, United States Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service(USDA-ARS) Soil Scientist and Senior Advisor, Office of Global Food Security

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