



# Agenda

### **SESSION 1**

#### Opening

- The Asian knowledge hub on sustainable soil and land management

  Lucrezia Caon, Land Management Officer, FAO Office for Asia and the Pacific
- The Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) Asia knowledge hub Megha Bajaj, Knowledge hub specialist, FAO Office for Asia and the Pacific

Video: UNCCD-WOCAT collaboration on knowledge management for ecosystem restoration

Implementing SLM to reach land degradation neutrality (LDN) – how to link local actions with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification?

Nicole Harari, Research Scientist and WOCAT Executive Manager at Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern

Introduction to the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT)

- What is WOCAT?
- WOCAT's Global Database on Sustainable Land Management recommended by UNCCD-Video: Introductory video WOCAT SLM Database on Vimeo
- Links to other global platforms

Rima Mekdaschi Studer, Senior Research Scientist at Centre for Development and Environment, CDE, University of Bern

#### Stories from WOCAT partner countries

- Sri Lanka SriCAT: a national WOCAT initiative in collaboration between FAO and the University of University of Peradeniya
  - Warshi Dandeniya, Professor in Soil Science, Department of Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture of University of Peradeniya
- Philippines PHILCAT: a national WOCAT initiative.

  Eduardo V. Alberto, Chief Agriculturist of the Soil Conservation Management Division,

  Bureau of Soils and Water Management

## SESSION 2

Discussion round: how can you apply WOCAT in your project context/country?

Moderators: Rima Mekdaschi Studer, Senior Research Scientist at Centre for Development and Environment, CDE, University of Bern & Aurelie Bres, Land and Water Officer, FAO

Mapping land degradation to support LDN decision-making

- The FAO-WOCAT Mapping Approach (QM)
- Google Earth Engine apps to support mapping LD and LDN decision-making

Cesar Garcia, Land Degradation Neutrality Expert, FAO

## FAO-LADA local assessment of land degradation

Feras Ziadat, Technical Officer, FAOHQ

## Closing remarks