

# Green Mongolia Hub Advancing Sustainability, Innovation, and Decarbonization

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## INTRODUCTION

Green Mongolia Hub (GMH): **an UNCCD-accredited CSO and a member of WOCAT dedicated to addressing Mongolia's pressing environmental challenges, including land degradation, biodiversity loss, and climate vulnerability.**  
Mission: **Empowering Mongolia towards a sustainable, climate-resilient future.**

Focus areas: **Knowledge sharing, capacity building, green technology, and climate action.**

Goals: **Foster collaboration across sectors to mainstream sustainable practices and address climate challenges in Mongolia and Central Asia.**

Date: 5 August 2025

Dear Mr. Mandukhai Tsogtbai,

We acknowledge receipt of the required documentation for the accreditation of Green Mongolia Hub as observer to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

After careful review of the documents presented by your organization we have the pleasure to inform you that the UNCCD secretariat will submit your request to the consideration of the forthcoming Conference of the Parties, which will be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from 17 to 28 August 2026.


On the basis of this, Green Mongolia Hub can be considered as provisionally accredited organization, pending a final decision to be taken by Parties during COP17 according to the provisions contained in paragraph 7 article 22 of the Convention and Rules 6 and 7 of the rules of procedure of the COP, adopted by decision 1/COP.1.

Please check regular information on the UNCCD on <https://www.unccd.int> and with your representative of the UNCCD CSO panel [https://www.unccd.int/convention/partners/civil-society-organizations-panel](https://www.unccd.int/convention/partners/civil-society-organizations/civil-society-organizations-panel)

We encourage you to continue to be involved in the UNCCD implementation and kindly ask you to keep the secretariat informed on your activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further guidance on this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
Marcos Montoiro  
External Relations Officer



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## Green Mongolia Hub – UNCCD Accreditation

- Accredited under the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to be officially accredited at the COP17
- Eligible for official participation in COP17 as an NGO
  - 17–28 August 2025, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Recognized as part of the global CSO community

Opportunity to contribute to:

**Land restoration**

**Climate resilience**

**Sustainable land management (SLM)**

**Combating Desertification**



## Green Mongolia Hub

As an official Regional cluster member of WOCAT, the global network endorsed by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), we have access to the Global SLM Database featuring over 2,400 sustainable land management (SLM) practices from around the world.

### WOCAT Global SLM Database Snapshot

- 2,479 Sustainable Land Management (SLM) practices published
- From 136 countries
- Contributed by 502 users

#### Breakdown:

- 1,469 SLM Technologies
- 559 SLM Approaches
- 442 UNCCD PRAIS Practices
- 23 new practices published in the last 90 days





# CRIC23



United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

**Green Mongolia Hub** Green Mongolia Hub NGO participated in CRIC23 (1–5 December 2025, Panama) as a UNCCD-accredited Civil Society Organization, representing Mongolia's civil society voice in global discussions on land degradation, drought resilience, and community-led solutions. Our participation strengthened Mongolia's visibility within the UNCCD process and deepened our engagement with global dryland networks.

Our engagement at CRIC23 was made possible with the support of Both ENDS, an international organization committed to environmental justice and strong civil society leadership. This participation was supported through Drynet's CS4LDN (Civil Society for Land Degradation Neutrality) programme, which provides specialized capacity building on community-based governance, evidence-based decision-making, LDN-aligned planning, and public-interest advocacy.





## WOCAT Tools, Approaches, Technologies and Methods



### UNCCD recommended SLM Database

The Global SLM Database is the primary recommended database by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) for the reporting of SLM best practices.

» [Learn more about the UNCCD recommendation](#)

UNCCD identified WOCAT as a primary recommended database for best practices on SLM technologies. The official recognition of UNCCD gives WOCAT a mandate to support the 194 signatory countries in recording their SLM best practices and using the SLM knowledge of stakeholders worldwide – from land users to decision-makers – to improve local land management.



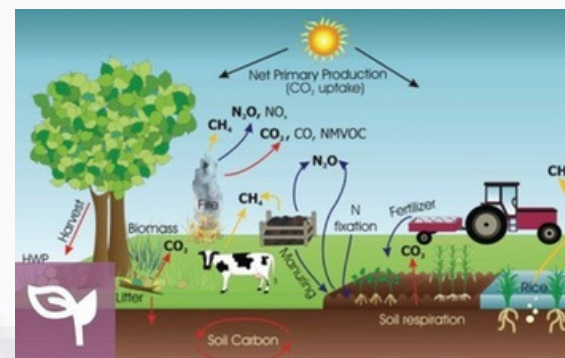
### SLM Technologies

An SLM Technology is a land management practice that controls land degradation and enhances productivity and/ or other ecosystem services.

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### SLM Approaches

An SLM Approach defines the ways and means used to implement an SLM Technology, including the stakeholders involved and their roles.

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### Carbon Benefits Project (CBP)

Tools for assessing the carbon benefits and greenhouse gas emissions of an SLM Technology.

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### Drought

Drought relevant SLM Technologies

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### Sand and Dust Storm

Sand and Dust Storm (SDS) relevant SLM Technologies

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### UNCCD PRAIS Practices

Archived PRAIS SLM best practices, as previously shared through the UNCCD PRAIS system in the UNCCD reporting process.

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## WOCAT Tools, Approaches, Technologies and Methods



### LDN

Tools and methods for monitoring, validating and implementing land degradation neutrality

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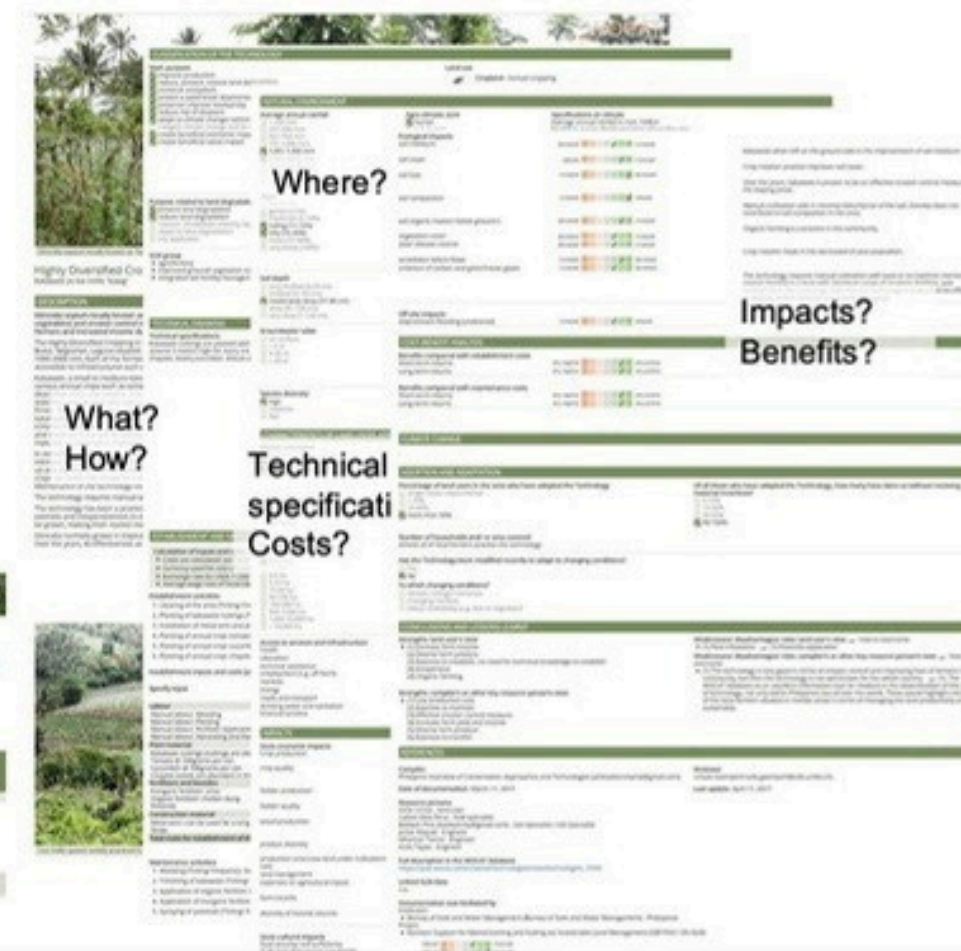


# SLM Technology/Approaches

## SLM Technology / Approach Summary



- automatically generated
- in all (available) languages
- used for good practices compilations; learning materials for e.g. extension services; knowledge products, etc.





# LDN Training on LDN Toolbox



Here you can find the presentations of WOCAT's contribution to the GEO LDN training held in Nairobi between 2-6 October on the LDN Toolbox.

## Session 1: Introduction to LDN

- 1.1- What is LDN?
- 1.2- Links to the Rio Conventions
- 1.3- Enhancing National Reporting Process to UNCCD
- 1.4- LDN Target Setting
- 1.5- LDN Monitoring framework and the Convergence of Evidence Principle
- 1.6- Mapping Land Degradation; SDG 15.3.1 sub indicators
- 1.7- False Positives and Negatives

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## Session 2: Integrating LDN to ILUP

- 1.1- What is ILUP?
- 1.2- Why is ILUP important for LDN
- 1.3- Key concepts to integrate LDN to ILUP
- 1.4- Participatory mapping of LD: The QM methodology
- 1.5- Country Examples: Morocco
- 1.6- Country Examples: Türkiye LDN Action Plan

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## Session 3: Google Earth Engine for informed decision making

- 1.1- What is Google Earth Engine?
- 1.2- FAO-WOCAT Apps for Convergence of Evidence
- 1.3- Kenya DSS
- 1.4- Practice: Multicriteria analysis, Land cover transitions and participatory mapping

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## Session 4: WOCAT SLM database

- 1.1- What is WOCAT?
- 1.2- WOCAT and UNCCD
- 1.3- WOCAT SLM data base
- 1.4- Practice: Exploring the SLM database
- 1.5- Documenting Practices

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## Session 5: Tools for Validation

- 1.1- LandPKS
- 1.2- Tools4LDN workflow for Field verification of land degradation maps
- 1.3- Open Foris
- 1.4- Collect Earth Online for expert validation of vegetation trends

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**United Nations**  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change

## International Climate Leadership

### Green Mongolia Hub at COP29 in 2024

- Participated in COP29 as part of Mongolia's official delegation
- Advocated for climate resilience and carbon governance
- Appointed to national Carbon Market Working Group post-COP29



Mandukhai Tsogtbai

Presentation 2025





## Green Mongolia Hub at CRIC23 – Panama, 2025

- Participated in CRIC23 (Panama, Dec 1–5, 2025) as a UNCCD-accredited Civil Society Organization
- Delivered the Official Closing Statement on behalf of all UNCCD Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
- Received CSO mentorship from the global Drynet Network to strengthen governance, LDN advocacy, and community-based SLM capacities
- Supported by Both ENDS for international participation and climate governance engagement





## CRIC23 Closing – Delivered on behalf of UNCCD Civil Society Delivered by Mandukhai Tsogtbal (Green Mongolia Hub NGO)

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Water is the lifeblood of every nature-based solution... It is also the foundation of human dignity: our livelihoods, our food systems, and our communities depend on it. Without reliable and fair access to water, no restoration effort can succeed, and no community can thrive.

Ms. Mandukhai Tsogtbal,  
Green Mongolia Hub NGO



### Civil Society Closing Statement

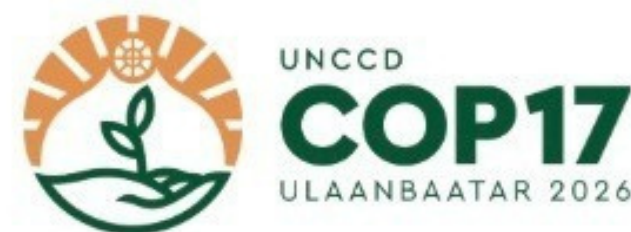
“Civil society and Indigenous Peoples reaffirm our deep commitment to working with Parties, the Secretariat, the Science-Policy Interface, and all partners to deliver solutions that are inclusive, science-based, community-led, and equitable.”

**Mandukhai Tsogtbal**  
(Green Mongolia  
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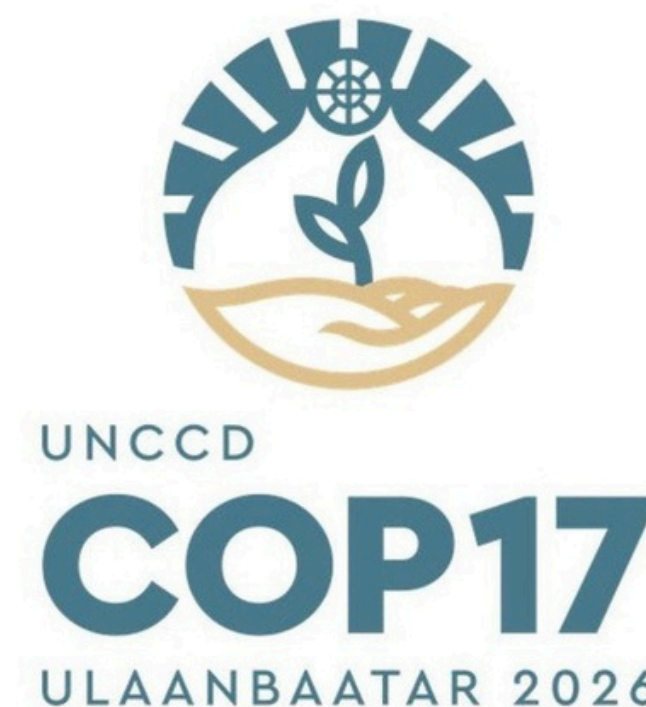




## **COP17 – Ulaanbaatar coming in August 2026** 17th Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) with main initiative of **International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, 2026**

### **Preliminary Planning & Ambition:**

- Host 15,000+ delegates from 197+ countries
- Organize diverse thematic sessions as in COP16
- Launch 30+ new initiatives
- Present actionable drought resilience plans and partnerships
- Address COP16 gaps with stronger policy focus



***Let's Build a Greener Future Together — Thank You!***