

UNCCD COP16 Scorecard

Our priorities

Build momentum for impact

We must accelerate collaborative action to meet the vital goals of the UNCCD and build linkages across biodiversity and climate agendas.

Mainstream nature

We must mainstream nature-positive solutions to address land degradation and drought through terrestrial and freshwater ecosystem protection, management and restoration.

Mobilize investment

We must build more catalytic finance mechanisms that reverse land degradation and enhance drought resilience with nature-positive, equitable solutions.

Scale up regenerative food systems

We must mainstream sustainable water management and regenerative soil health and grazing solutions to build climate-resilient communities.

Prioritize people, inclusivity and equity

We must support leadership from Indigenous Peoples and local communities who steward water and lands.

Our recommended actions

- Focus** the Riyadh Action Agenda on projects that achieve collaborative impact at scale
- Emphasize** nature in policy decisions (drought, food, grazing lands) as an important investment for drought resilience and the restoration of degraded lands
- Incentivize** transitions to regenerative agriculture at a landscape scale, elevating the role of producers to achieve improvements in land and water outcomes
- Embrace** the Riyadh Action Agenda's financing and methods for a long-term shift toward restoration and resilience
- Mobilize** the private sector to increase funding for nature-positive solutions, including regenerative practices and land and freshwater restoration, protection and management
- Root** new funding mechanisms in nature, such as the Greening the Greater Middle East initiative, the Drought Resilience Fund and the Sustainable Land Management Fund
- Increase** support for the Freshwater Challenge and the Water for Climate Action Declaration as tools for achieving goals of UNCCD with strong linkages to biodiversity and climate agendas
- Prioritize** rangelands and grasslands for conservation, restoration and sustainable management