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Land Restoration Training Programme

Side Event at UNCCD COP12 in Ankara, Turkey

UNU-LRT six-month training programme: a model for capacity development to achieve land degradation neutrality

Tuesday 13 October 08:00h - 10:00h in MET - 08

The side event presents a very successful model for providing the capacity building necessary to support land degradation neutrality initiatives. The UN University Land Restoration Training Programme (UNU-LRT) offers annually a six-month training in Iceland. Its success is due to a combination of a number of factors, including high quality coursework, practical training, and the development of strong collaborative relationships.

In the side event, we will give an overview of the activities of the UNU-LRT six-month training programme and how it has influenced the trainees. We will also show how the UNU-LRT training has contributed to capacity building of the leading regional Central Asian nongovernmental organization CAMP Alatau. Furthermore, we will review the key lessons learned on how to design a capacity building program to achieve land degradation neutrality.

SPEAKERS:

Sasha Alexander, Policy Officer at UNCCD, gives opening remarks

Hafdís Hanna Aegisdóttir, Director of UN University Land Restoration Training Programme

Azamat Isakov, Director of CAMP Alatau, former UNU-LRT trainee

Jeff Herrick, Soil Scientist, USDA Agricultural Research Service

MODERATOR:

Richard Thomas, Director, ICARDA Drylands CRP

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