



Summary of the 19th Meeting of the UNCCD CSO Panel (21 April 2021)

The 19th meeting of the UNCCD CSO Panel was held on April 21st, 2021. In this meeting, the panel members more specifically discussed the following topics:

- Adoption of the agenda;
- Review of the previous decisions and follow up actions;
- CSO Panel work program and budget is under administrative process within the UNCCD;
- Communication with MIROVA and LDN fund about the forthcoming online event, MIROVA, and LDN Fund is interested in this open discussion with CSOs community. The Panel discussed the organizational matters, including agenda, date, time, technical issues, announcements on website, newsletter, reporting, etc. of the meeting, and will be shared with MIROVA. Additionally, a document containing questions and answers to provide everyone with the correct and useful information will be shared by Mirova in the coming days.
- Discussion on the final content of the next issue of the CSOs newsletter (with special focus on CRIC outcomes, a note of gratitude to CSOs, SPI meetings, June 17th WDDD, GLO2, announcement on the meeting with MIROVA and LDN fund,...)
- Discussion on the celebration of June 17th: if there can be a collective action for this year celebration or a virtual dialogue between CSOs and the Executive Secretary;
- Discussion on the Panel's involvement and preparation of a probable statement or other types of activity for the UN High-level dialogue, this dialogue will be convened by the President of the UN General Assembly on May 20th.
- Discussion on Expo 2020 as a side event organized before UN high-level dialogue, the focus of this side event is women working on the land, peace, and security. The Panel will suggest women representatives for the side event.
- Preparation of the FAO/UNCCD technical guide on land tenure: the internal review at UNCCD is still ongoing, and once this is done, an external peer-review and the CSO panel will be counted as one of the reviewers.
- A reminder of the deadline for case study submissions to prepare the GLO2;
- The postponement of the COP15 till May 2022. The Panel put forward an idea of discussing the current Panel's extension of the tasks until the end of COP15.
- Support to the elections of the Youth Constituency (youth Focal Points linked to major groups): Election policy is being identified by the Secretariat at the moment (youth-based vs. youth-related organizations accredited to UNCCD). Secretariat will share the mandate of the youth focal point and other written docs.
- The Panel will gather information from CSOs on their regional & national celebrations for June 17th to reflect on the Panel's website & special issue of the Panel's newsletter.
Preparation of the first draft outline of the CSO panel report to the COP15 of the UNCCD;