



## Summary of the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the UNCCD CSO Panel (6 April 2021)

The 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the UNCCD CSO Panel was held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021. In this meeting, the panel members more specifically discussed the following topics:

- The available resources for the work of the panel and its work program;
- The very successful and well-organized virtual involvement and participation of the CSOs within CRIC19 process despite the Covid19 Pandemic, more details: <https://csopanel.org/>
- Preparation for the open discussion and online meeting among CSOs and MIROVA, LDN, and IDH (organizational matters including agenda, content, date, technical issues, etc.)
- Discussion on the way for stronger contribution of the CSO's community, farmers & indigenous people within the UN High-level dialogue, secretariat will provide information on the process;
- The panel discussed the preparation of COP15 with the secretariat (probable date, venue, the topics of the CSO's ODS, etc.). The COP Bureau will meet in April for more details.
- The panel discussed the organization of the Desertif'actions Summit (international CSO summit for UNCCD COP preparation) in 2023 by CARI association and Panel involvement.
- The tree-planting campaign of the IDEA and support of the Ministry in irrigation systems will be organized in an area with water stress.
- Participation of CENESTA as one of the partners of the Global Hub on Indigenous Food System of the FAO;
- Organizing a meeting for French CSO involved in combating desertification by CARI to inform the results of CRIC and prepare the collective advocacy plan for next international meetings (Africa-France Summit in July 2021, the IUCN Congress in Sept. 2021, and the UNCCD COP15);
- The CSO panel website is very well-handed and informative for all accredited CSOs of the UNCCD, and the process continues;
- The next issue of the CSO panel Newsletter and reports of recent activities of the panel will be uploaded to the website by the end of April.
- Discussion on different actions by accredited CSOs of the UNCCD and the Celebration of 17th June at various levels and a virtual dialogue between CSOs and the Executive Secretary;
- The submission of CSO's (2 cases were prepared) case study for the preparation of the GLO and the extension of the submissions;
- The panel requested the new information on the preparation of the FAO/UNCCD technical guide on land tenure; The internal review is finalized with the aim of external peer-review by various groups and the CSO panel;
- The panel members discussed the preparation of the panel's activity report before COP15.