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## UNCCD TRAINING FAIR 2019

*To help deliver the decisions made by the UNCCD Conference of the Parties (COP13), a two-day interactive training fair for National Focal Points and UNCCD-stakeholders will take place prior to the meeting of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC17) on 25 and 26 January 2019 in Georgetown, Guyana.*

*The training is supported by the Soil Leadership Academy – an initiative established by the UNCCD to energize and support public and private decision-makers on their journey to land degradation neutrality (LDN).*

*The session will cover the following topics:*

### **LDN Project Development**

*The training module will walk National Focal Points (NFPs) through the process of developing bankable LDN projects for submission to funders. The session will be based on the proposed guidelines for the preparation of LDN projects. Multilateral Funding Institutions, donor partners and private stakeholders will be invited to provide additional expertise for the training.*

### **Drought**

*The training module will introduce NFPs to the drought toolbox proposed as part of the new Drought Initiative. A “simulation” exercise highlighting drought monitoring and communications approaches and vulnerability and impact assessment tools are envisioned as part of the training session. A particular focus will be on land-management based practical tools that help mitigate drought risk, such as water harvesting techniques. Drought Initiative technical partners will provide additional expertise for the training.*

### **Gender**

*The module will train participants on how to mainstream gender into policy and decision making for LDN, including designing gender-sensitive policies that are gender-responsive projects. The training will expose NFPs to the gender-specific elements of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure. The module is based on the Gender Action Plan approved by COP13 and the COP decisions that highlight land rights as the necessary base for LDN implementation.*

### **Sand and Dust Storms**

*The module will train NFPs on how to assess a country’s vulnerability to sand and dust storms, including the methodology for the economic impact assessment. The session is based on the Sand and Dust Storm technical and policy guide.*