

International Forum on Combating Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought: Addressing Land and Natural Disasters

24 September 2025

Blue Sky Hotel (Jade Hall, 2F), Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Time	Programme
09:30 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:30	Opening session Introduction of Main Guests Opening and Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr. Zolbayar Togtokhjargal, State Secretary, MECC, Mongolia - Mr. Ganbold Baasanjav, Head, ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office - Ms. Park, Hwa Young, Deputy Director, Korea Forest Service Group Photo
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:30	Session 1. Policies / Projects to Combat Desertification and SDS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Pang, Yingjun, Associate Professor, Chinese Academy of Forestry - Ms. Moeko Yoshitomi, Deputy Director, Ministry of the Environment, Japan - Mr. Oyunsanaa Bymbasuren, Director General, National Forest Agency of Mongolia - Ms. Park, Hwa Young, Deputy Director, Korea Forest Service - Ms. Tatiana Kuderina, Senior Researcher, Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences - Ms. Letizia Rossano, Director, Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM), ESCAP (video recorded) - Ms. Heimata Louisa Karika, Regional Liaison Officer – Asia, UNCCD Secretariat
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	Session 2. Research on Desertification and SDS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jia Yuanxin, Engineer, Academy of Forestry Inventory and Planning of National Forestry and Grassland Administration, China - Ms. Anarmaa Sharkhuu, Assistant Professor, National University of Mongolia - Mr. Park, Kihyung, Research Scientist, National Institute of Forest Science, Republic of Korea - Mr. Otto Chkhetiani, Deputy Director, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Russian Academy of Sciences

15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Session 3. Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Ariuntuya Dorjsuren, Director General of the Policy, Planning and Resource Mobilization Division, Office of the COP17 National Committee, Mongolia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pang, Yingjun, Associate Professor, Chinese Academy of Forestry • Ms. Mandakh Nyamtseren, STC, UNCCD Mongolia • Mr. Park, Kihyung, Research Scientist, National Institute of Forest Science, Republic of Korea • Mr. Riccardo Mesiano, Deputy Head of ESCAP East and North-East Asia Office • Ms. Heimata Louisa Karika, Regional Liaison Officer – Asia, UNCCD Secretariat