



Regional Capacity Building Workshop on the 2026 UNCCD National Reporting for UNCCD Annex V (Central and Eastern Europe, Annex IV (Northern Mediterranean), Annex II (Central Asia) and Non-Annex Parties

Agenda

(Times are Antalya local time)

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Monday, March 30th : Foundations of Reporting Framework & SO1 Methods		
09:00	Welcoming Remarks	UNCCD, GM and UNEP
09:15	Official Opening Speech by Türkiye	Government of Türkiye
09:30	Roundtable introduction from Parties	All Parties
09:40	Türkiye's experience in UNCCD national reporting	Türkiye Representative
09:50	Workshop objectives and programme, introduction of Regional Support Hub	JRC
10:05	Overview of the UNCCD reporting framework, 2026 reporting process and timelines	UNCCD
10:20	Q&A from participants	All
Coffee Break (15 mins)		
10:45	Introduction to Reporting Tools	UNCCD and JRC
11:15	SDG Indicator 15.3.1: methodology and new guidance	WOCAT
11:45	Q&A	All Parties
12 -1 pm : Lunch Break		
1-3pm	Reporting on land cover change (SO1-1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic concepts based on methodological guidance and reporting manual• Default data and other available data sources	WOCAT with JRC facilitated discussion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussion: peer exchange on common national reporting challenges related to land cover change and lessons learned from previous cycles 	
	SO1-1 Demonstration using free and open tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JRC proposed tools and Trends. Earth FAO-WOCAT Land Cover Comparison Apps 	JRC WOCAT
Coffee Break (15 mins)		
3:15 – 5:15pm	SO1-1 Guided exercise on using the above tool(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRAIS Hands-on exercise on Management and General Operation features Calculating SO1-1 using Trends.Earth Interpretation of SO1-1 default data in PRAIS PRAIS Hands-on exercise on land cover 	WOCAT, JRC and UNCCD
5:15 5:30 pm	Summary of Day 1	JRC

Tuesday, March 31st: SO1-2, SO1-3 & SO1-4 Deep Dive (LPD, SOC, SDG 15.3.1)		
9-10:30	Reporting on land productivity dynamics (SO1-2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic concepts based on methodological guidance and reporting manual • Default data and other available data sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moderate resolution LPD for all countries ○ Other JRC relevant datasets • FAO-WOCAT LPD Global Comparison App • Group discussion: peer exchange on common national reporting challenges related to land productivity dynamics and lessons learned from previous cycles 	WOCAT with JRC facilitated discussion JRC All Parties
Coffee Break (15 mins)		
10:45 -12	Reporting on soil organic carbon (SO1-3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic concepts based on methodological guidance and reporting manual • Default data and other available data sources • Türkiye's approach to soil organic carbon reporting (Yunus Emre SUSAM) • Group discussion: peer exchange on common national reporting challenges related to soil organic carbon stocks and lessons learned from previous cycles 	WOCAT with JRC facilitated discussion All Parties
	SO1-2 & SO 1-3 using free and open tools demonstration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculating SO1-2 and SO1-3 using Trends.Earth • PRAIS Hands-on exercise on land productivity and SOC 	WOCAT, JRC and UNCCD
12-1 pm : Lunch Break		
2-3pm	Reporting on SO1-4 (SDG indicator 15.3.1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic concepts on combining sub-indicators based on methodological guidance and reporting manual • Interpreting results: false positives and negatives, hotspots and brightspots • Group discussion: peer exchange on common national reporting process related to the proportion of degraded land and lessons learned from previous cycles 	WOCAT with UNCCD facilitated discussion All Parties
3-3:30pm	SDG indicator 15.3.1 Tools demonstration PRAIS Hands-on exercise on SDG indicator 15.3.1 reporting	JRC
3:30 – 4 pm	LDN target setting and national reporting : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview/concepts and current progress • Reporting LDN targets and actions in PRAIS 4 	GM
Coffee Break (15 mins)		
4:15 – 4:45 pm	Linking UNCCD reporting with reporting on the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF)	FAO / CBD
4:45- 5:30 pm	Peer exchange and Q&A on joined up reporting mechanisms	Facilitated discussion by JRC
	Summary of Day 2	JRC

Wednesday, April 1st: ILUP, SO2, SO4, and Strategic Coordination		
9-10:30	Reporting on Strategic Objectives 2 and 4 PRAIS 4 Hands-on exercise	UNCCD (with input from JRC on SO2-3)
	Q&A	All Parties
	Basic concepts for reporting on other elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary targets SO2-SO4 • Additional indicators • Implementation framework 	UNCCD
	Q&A	All Parties
Coffee Break (15 mins)		
10:45-12	Integrated Land Use Planning (ILUP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ILUP concepts • Peer discussion guided by SO1 implementation framework • Practical geospatial exercise: overlaying LDN targets with practices • Country case contributions: Türkiye, Moldova, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan 	GM
12 -1 pm : Lunch Break		
1-3:30pm	Reporting on Strategic Objective 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic concepts based on methodological guidance and reporting manual • PRAIS demonstration • Q&A 	GM
Coffee Break (15 mins)		
3:45-5:30pm	Team exercise on developing national work plans for reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (15 mins) • Participants work in country teams to complete a short work plan using a simple template (translating what they learned in the sessions into plans) • Countries form sub-regional groups and briefly present their draft work plans. Guiding prompts: What common challenges or priorities do we share? What coordination or participatory approaches seem effective? • How to ensure effective national coordination mechanisms to synergize on national reporting with other ministries, and to encourage joined up reporting efforts, e.g. with UN CBD? • Each sub-regional group reports back on: one or two common challenges, good practices or useful approaches, and key support needs requiring follow-up 	UNEP in the lead with all Parties in breakout groups
	Summary of Day 3	JRC

Thursday, April 2nd: SO3 (Drought), PRAIS 4 Hands-On & Wrap-Up followed by cultural visit		
9-10:45	Additional time for PRAIS 4 hands on exercises or open questions from Parties	UNCCD
Coffee Break (15 mins)		
11-11:30	Reporting on Strategic Objectives 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic concepts based on methodological guidance and reporting manual • Default data and other available data sources 	CEH (remotely) and JRC
11:30-11:45	Q&A	All
11:45-11:50	Community of Learning and Practice on Drought Management	Pinar CANLI (co-chair of Annex IV Region)
11:50 – 11:55	Presentation from Co-Chairs Annex V CLP on drought	Biljana Kilibarda (Montenegro)
11:55 -12	Q&A	All Parties
12 -12:30	SO 3 Tools demonstration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends.Earth • JRC (Global Drought Atlas , Global Drought Observatory) • Reporting SO3 indicators in PRAIS 4: self-guided exercise 	JRC and UNCCD, CEH (remotely)
12:30-12:40	Regional coordination and post-workshop support mechanisms	UNCCD, WOCAT and JRC
12:40-12:50	Wrap-up, conclusions and next steps	UNCCD and JRC, all Parties
12:50-1pm	Closing session with closing remarks from Government of Türkiye	UNCCD, GM and UNEP Government of Türkiye
1 -2 pm : Lunch Break		
PM	A half-day cultural visit organized by the Government of Türkiye (see information note for details)	

Acronyms:

GM = Global Mechanism

JRC = Joint Research Centre

WOCAT= World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies

FAO = Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

CBD = Convention on Biological Diversity

UKCEH = UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology

UNEP = United Nations Environment Programme