



TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day 1 - 13 May 2026

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director, G20 Global Land Initiative Coordination Office, UNCCD COP Presidencies (alphabetical order) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brazil for UNFCCC• Colombia for CBD• Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for UNCCD Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director General, General Director of Combating Desertification and Erosion
10:00 – 10:20	Presentation: The Work of the Rio Convention Secretariats on Synergies <i>Joint Liaison Group — UNCCD, CBD and UNFCCC Secretariats</i>
10:20 – 10:30	Family Photo
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:15	Presentation: Strengthening Rio Synergies: Aligning Climate, Nature and Land Policy & Finance through Food Systems <i>UNDP</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Presentation: FAO Land and Water Division — Rio Synergies Approach <i>FAO, Integrated solutions for water-land-soil-restoration : accelerating Rio commitments</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Presentation: Economics of Land Degradation — ELD Initiative ELD Initiative Economics of Rio Synergies: Integrated Land-Biodiversity-Climate Action through Ecosystem Restoration
11:45 - 12:00	Presentation: Rio Synergies - Coherence and Convergence in Scales and Scope <i>United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</i>
12:00 – 12:15	Q&A and Wrap-Up Open floor for questions and reflections on morning presentations. <i>Wrap-up by G20 Global Land Initiative (GLI) Coordination Office, UNCCD</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:00	Special Event: Launch of the Silk Road Caravan 2026 <i>Antalya, Türkiye — Starting Point of the Silk Road Caravan</i>
15:15-19:00	Field Trip



Day 2 14 May 2026

09:30-09:50	<p>Keynote: UNCCD Executive Secretary <i>2026 — A Turning Point for Rio Synergies</i></p> <p>The convergence of three COPs and the case for land restoration as the shared operational core of the Rio Synergies agenda</p>
09:50 – 10:30	<p>Presentation: UNFCCC COP31 Priorities and Action Agenda <i>Prof. Dr. Halil Hasar, Directorate of Climate Change/Chief Climate Diplomacy Officer</i></p> <p>Overview of Türkiye's emerging priorities for UNFCCC COP31, including approaches to Rio Synergies and the role of land restoration in the COP31 Action Agenda.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Presentation: The Antalya Rio Synergies Initiative <i>General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, Republic of Türkiye</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emerging thinking on advancing Rio Synergies - Possible approaches to integration across planning, investment and implementation - Milestones — Roadmap 2026
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Coffee Break</p>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Q&A and discussion</p> <p>Open floor for questions on the COP31 Climate Agenda and the Antalya Rio Synergies Initiative before moving to the discussion and feedback session.</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<p>Lunch</p>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Roundtable 1 <i>G20 delegations, current and incoming COP presidencies and partner organizations</i></p> <p>Question 1 — Rio Synergies: From Political recognition to Implementation</p> <p>Do you see land as the critical intersection of the three Rio Conventions: the point where climate, biodiversity and land degradation agendas converge most concretely? If so, how would you position land restoration as the primary lever for moving Rio Synergies from political recognition into practical implementation at the country level, particularly through land restoration (approached through the land-water-climate nexus) and drought resilience? What are the key barriers to scaling implementation, and what types of approaches or support mechanisms would be needed to overcome them? There are already many Rio Synergies frameworks and initiatives in place. As COP31 provides the opportunity to launch a concrete synergy mechanism, what should that mechanism look like? How should it be structured, governed and resourced to move beyond aspiration into implementation? And if you had full authority and unlimited advocacy power, what would you do fundamentally differently to make Rio Synergies a genuine success at the national scale — given that countries currently operate with three separate action plans, three separate reporting systems and three separate COP cycles, often without structured cross-ministerial coordination? What practical first action would you take within the existing institutional framework?</p> <p>Question 2 - Integrated national planning and investment</p> <p>What would it take for countries to align climate, biodiversity and land priorities into integrated national planning processes and investment pipelines, and how can land restoration, approached through a “Triple Benefit” lens that simultaneously delivers carbon sequestration (UNFCCC), species conservation (CBD) and land degradation neutrality (UNCCD), serve as a practical entry point for this integration? What institutional arrangements, partnership models and financial instruments would be required to make this operational — including the possibility of establishing a common international funding pool specifically designed to support such integrated land restoration investments?</p>



15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00-17:00

Continued discussion – Roundtable 1

17:00 – 17:15

Closure of the Day

19:00

Welcome Reception Dinner

Hosted by the Republic of Türkiye

Closing Performance by UNCCD Goodwill Ambassador Inna Modja

Day 3 15 May 2026

10:00 – 10:30

Key messages from Day 2 discussions

Remarks by UNFCCC High level Climate Champion, Mr Samed Ağırbaş,

10:30 – 10:45

Presentation on Roadmap Contributing to the Rio Synergies Action Plan — 2026

General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion

- Climate Conference in Bonn (June 2026)
- London Climate Week (July 2026)
- UNCCD COP17 Mongolia (Autumn 2026) — Rio Synergies Session and Land Pavilion
- CBD COP17 Armenia (Autumn 2026) — Rio Synergies Session and Land Pavilion
- UNFCCC COP31 Antalya (November 2026) — High-Level Rio Synergies Session and Land Pavilion

10:45 – 12:30

Roundtable Discussion 2

G20 delegations, current and incoming COP presidencies and partner organizations

Question 3 – Rio COPs coherence

How can the outcomes of UNCCD COP17, CBD COP17 and UNFCCC COP31 be mutually reinforcing — and how can we actively build bridges between these three conferences so that their results support more integrated approaches at the national level, particularly through land restoration? What concrete coordination mechanisms, shared deliverables or cross-COP commitments would you recommend to ensure the three processes produce coherent and complementary outcomes rather than parallel tracks?

Question 4. Sustaining momentum beyond COP31

How can momentum generated through the 2026 COP cycle and COP31 be sustained beyond Antalya? What roles can G20 countries, Rio Convention secretariats, UN agencies, relevant entities and existing initiatives such as the G20 Global Land Initiative play in maintaining momentum and scaling action?

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 14:30

Key messages from Discussion & Closure

Closing remarks by the Chair.