

Legal Instruments to implement the objective „Land Degradation Neutral World“ in international law, especially under UNCCD

International Legal Expert Workshop

Setting the scene

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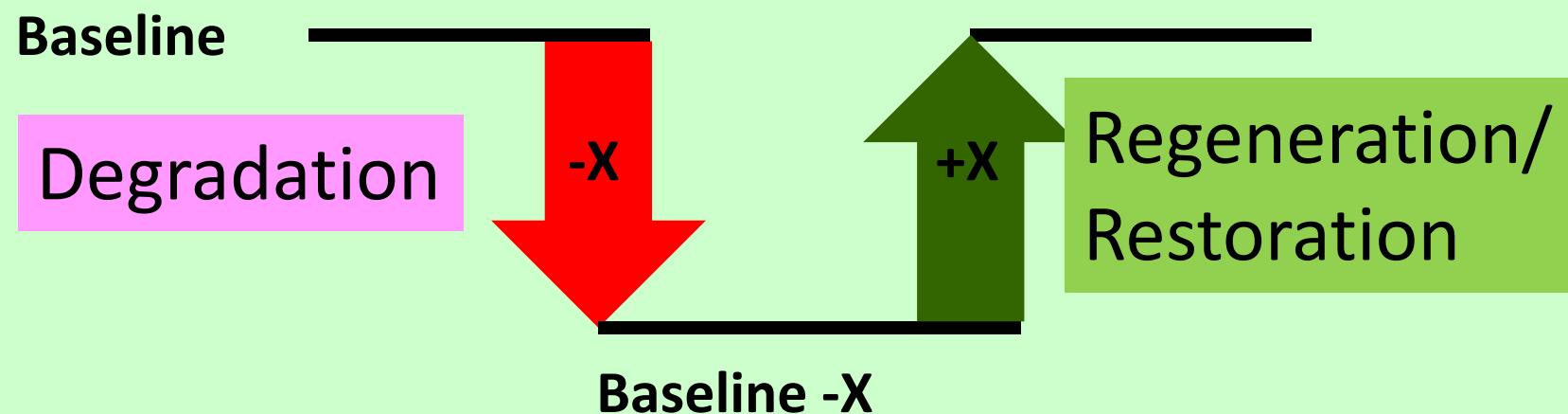
Why are we here ?

- Land: precondition for well-being of mankind
- Land recognized as a **global concern**
 - Food crisis 2007 – 2008
 - Land acquisition by states and enterprises
- International Year of Soils
- Aim: Sustainable management of land worldwide
- International Governance needed ?

Land Degradation Neutral World

- Outcome Document of Rio+20-Conference, 2012
 - To Strive for a „Land Degradation Neutral World“
- Milestone for sustainable management of land
 - Quantitative Objective
 - Balance between future land degradation and future restoration/rehabilitation must be ZERO

The Land Degradation Neutrality Concept:



Land or Soil ?

- Land is inclusive
- Different approaches to governance
- Political momentum of LDNW
 - Awareness
 - Legal study focussed on „land“

Political Context

- Sustainable Development Goals
 - Proposal of UN Open Working Group, September 2014
 - Negotiations until September 2015
 - Indicators and national implementation
- UNCCD: COP 11, Windhoek Namibia
 - Establishment of Intergovernmental Working Group (IWG)
 - Three Tasks of IWG

UNCCD IWG

- Task 1 Definition:
 - Intensive discussions
 - Concept not weakened
 - ... the amount of healthy land resources **remains stable or increases**
 - No further specific criteria

UNCCD IWG

- Task 2 Implementation Measures:
 - (1.) Reduce and (2) rehabilitate/restore degradation
 - LDNW either in National Action Plans or single LDNW Implementation Plans
 - List of required types of measures
- Task 3 Measures within UNCCD:
 - List of Questions for four categories
- Germany's Proposal: two more categories
 - Amendments to UNCCD
 - Cooperation with other international bodies

Legal study

- General objective: Proposals for better regulation on International level
 - Input for UNCCD IWG and other international bodies
- Analysis of three national legislations on appropriate legal instruments
 - Focus on different conceptual approaches
 - EU/Germany, US and Brazil
- Recommendations concerning scaling up appropriate instruments as international obligations

Workshop Agenda

- Part 2: Analysis of national legislations
 - Talks on legislations of Mongolia, China and Namibia
- Part 3: International Perspective
 - Input : General international law perspective
 - Inputs from EU Com and IUCN
- Part 4: Future Cooperation and long-term perspective - governance
- Minutes of the Workshop
- Chatham House Rules