

7-11 July 2013

Caux Conference Centre
Caux, Switzerland
(Above Montreux and Lake Geneva)

CAUX DIALOGUE on **LAND** and **SECURITY**

Addressing the human connections
between poverty, conflict and
environmental degradation.

'It's good Caux is focusing on the
singularity of land degradation.
The Caux forum unapologetically
seeks to inject an ethical dimension
into the public policy space.'

The Hon. Kevin Rudd MP

Prime Minister of Australia, 2007-2010; speaking
at the 2012 Caux event on land restoration



'More than fulfilled my expectations...
fully in keeping with Caux's tradition
as an incubator of change.'

Luc Gnacadja

Executive Secretary, UNCCD, about the
2011 Caux event on land restoration



Convened by **Luc Gnacadja** and **Mohamed Sahnoun**, the Caux Dialogue on Land and Security will explore the potential of sustainable land management as a driver of peace, development and climate change mitigation by bringing together individuals, governments, international organizations, NGOs and business in a unique environment.

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Background

Peace, development and environmental sustainability are usually focused on separately. However they are intrinsically linked – especially in drylands – where holistic solutions are needed to achieve them together. Drylands sustain 35% of the world's population but are subjected to 75% of the world's conflicts.

A quarter of the Earth's agricultural land is already degraded through misuse, and an area three times the size of Switzerland joins it every year. But this is one environmental crisis that is reversible. A recent survey by the WRI, IUCN

and the University of South Dakota identified two billion hectares – as large as the whole of South America – that can be restored to productive use, often with simple techniques, enhancing food security: indeed, in some places, local people working at the grassroots have already shown they can work wonders. And since growing vegetation absorbs carbon dioxide from the air, improved management of land represents one third of the overall global climate change abatement potential by 2030.

Land conservation and restoration can be a path to building sustainable peace, long a primary area of focus for *Initiatives of Change*.

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PROGRAMME

The Caux Dialogue on Land and Security will explore the potential of sustainable land management as a driver of peace, development and climate change mitigation by addressing the human connections between poverty, conflict and environmental degradation.

Keynote speakers already confirmed include



Ahmedou Ould Abdallah

President of Centre 4s, former Mauritanian Ambassador and former senior United Nations official. UN Special Representative to Burundi (1993-95), to West Africa (2003-07) and Somalia (2007-10). Co-founder and Advisory Board member, Transparency International.



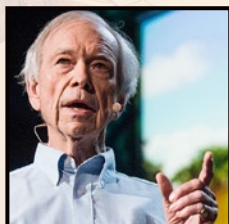
Prof. Rattan Lal

Distinguished University Professor of Soil Science, and Director, Carbon Management and Sequestration Center, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA.



Bianca Jagger

Founder and Chair, Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation; Council of Europe Goodwill Ambassador; IUCN Plant a Pledge Ambassador; Member of the Executive Director's Leadership Council of Amnesty International USA; Trustee, Amazon Charitable Trust; Winner of the UN Earth Day Award (1994).



Allan Savory

Zimbabwean biologist, farmer, soldier, exile, environmentalist, and winner of the 2003 Banksia International Award and the 2010 Buckminster Fuller Challenge.

Through a series of adapted formats, the Caux Dialogue aims to:

- Deepen understanding of links between land and security
- Share successes and lessons learned and discuss different practices for sustainable land conservation and restoration
- Examine potential for investment in conservation and land restoration, and peace-building, as paths to food security
- Provide time for informal conversations and networking
- Support development of 'land-peace' policies and partnerships

Confirmed speakers / panelists include

Ana Cristina Angulo-Thorlund Gender Liaison Officer, UNISDR

Ilan Chabay Senior Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam

Saleemul Huq Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Environment and Development

Adam Koniuszewski Chief Operating Officer, Green Cross International

Alejandro Litovsky Founder and Director, Earth Security Initiative

Vessela Monta Executive Director, International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance

Chris Reij Sustainable Land Management specialist, Centre for International Cooperation, VU University, Amsterdam, and Senior Fellow of the World Resources Institute (WRI) in Washington

Jakob Rhyner Vice Rector, United Nations University

Tony Rinaudo Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Vision Australia

Expert workshops / presentations confirmed

UNEP + IOM joint presentation on **Livelihood Security: climate change, migration and conflict in the Sahel**.

Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

Ana Cristina Angulo-Thorlund, Gender Liaison Officer, UNISDR.

Empowering pastoralists to reverse desertification and removing barriers to large scale land restoration

Allan Savory, President, Savory Institute, which is active in USA, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Australia, and New Zealand.

Trust-building interventions amongst pastoralist communities in Kenya

Alan Channer, Trustbuilding facilitator, Director of FLTfilms, and Joseph Karanja, a leader of Kenya's Clean Election Campaign.

Community-driven water and land restoration in the Thar desert, India

Prithvi Raj Singh, Managing Trustee, and Kanupriya Harish, Trustee and Project Manager, Jal Bhagirathi Foundation, Rajasthan, India.

Case study: Forest conservation and land restoration project in Laos

Tom Duncan, Director, Ecoplan Consulting Pty. Ltd., and Per Bondesen, development economist and Senior Adviser at Prime Consultancy Co. Ltd.

Community-driven soil and water conservation and climate-smart agriculture in Makueni County, Kenya

Cornelius Kyalo, Executive Director, Africa Sand Dam Foundation.

The potential of sand dams to restore degraded lands

Simon Maddrell, Executive Director, Excellent Development, based on work in Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and India.

Sustainable development through community building and individual change – a rural water management case study

Team from Grampari – rural development initiative of IofC India.

Unlocking Zimbabwe's Organic Potential

Georgina McAllister, Programmes Director, Garden Africa.

Using 'Peace Circles' to empower women

A team from international women's initiative Creators of Peace.

Sun, 7 July

14:00

Registration

17-18.15

Opening Plenary

Welcome and introduction by

Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary, UNCCD

Omnia Marzouk, President, IofC International

Ambassador Mohamed Sahnoun

Keynote by **Prof. Rattan Lal**

20.15

Conference briefing and orientation

Mon, 8 July

Focus Day on

**GRASSROOTS ACTION
ON LAND AND SECURITY**

10.15

Plenary Keynotes by **Bianca Jagger**

15.00

Choice of parallel **Workshops** (see list on left)

20.15

Film evening

Tues, 9 July

Focus Day on

**RESTORING LAND
– A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY?**

10.15

Plenary Keynote by **Allan Savory**

15.00

Choice of parallel **Workshops**

20.15

Initiatives Fair

Wed, 10 July

Focus Day on

**GROUNDING PEACE & STABILITY
– ESPECIALLY IN THE SAHEL**

10.15

Plenary Keynote by **Ahmedou Ould Abdallah**

15.00

Choice of parallel **Workshops**

20.15

Concert by AROHA Choir Meghalaya, India

Thurs, 11 July

10.15

Plenary Keynote by **Luc Gnacadja**

12.30

Lunch + Departures

Meal times

08.00

Breakfast

12.30

Lunch

16.00

Afternoon Tea

18.30

Dinner



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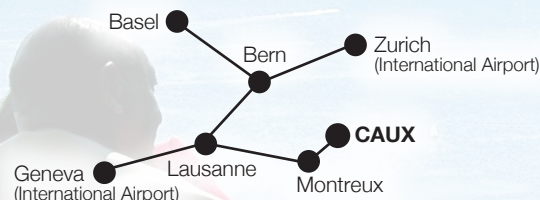
Caux – a proven track record

Since the end of World War II, the *Initiatives of Change* (www.iofc.org) conference centre at Caux, Switzerland (www.caux.ch) has built-up a proud heritage, reconciling war-time enemies, helping countries to achieve independence from colonial rule without bloodshed, and building trust within industries and between divided communities – by working for changes both in individual attitudes and in societies. It has long been a meeting place for people from many backgrounds, faiths and disciplines, and is now becoming known for its holistic approach to peace, development and environmental issues.

The Caux Forum for Human Security held special days on land restoration in 2011 and 2012, leading to the launching of a new programme, Initiatives for Land, Lives and Peace. The 2013 Caux Dialogue on Land and Security is its first major event. IofC's experience in trustbuilding and addressing human barriers to change gives it something distinctive to bring to the challenge of large-scale sustainable land conservation and restoration.

The Caux Conference Centre

The village of Caux is 90 minutes by car or train from Geneva. Trains run from Geneva Airport every half hour (change in Montreux). For exact departure times consult: www.rail.ch



The conference building is a magnificent 400-room hotel built in 1910 in a stunning setting, 1000m above sea level overlooking Lake Geneva and the Alps.

The Caux conference centre is operated by a charitable foundation, with no big backers, that relies on individual donations and income from hiring the building to a hotel school for most of the year. Traditionally it has always sought to keep charges to a minimum so as to enable the widest possible participation by people of all backgrounds, from all parts of the world.

A distinctive and cost-saving feature, valued by participants as part of the Caux experience, is that they are invited to take part in the practical tasks in the house.

Registration

The cost of participating in the Caux Dialogue on Land and Security is CHF 150 per day for those sponsored by their organizations. This includes conference fees, board and lodging. For participants who pay their own expenses it is CHF 92 per day. There are reductions for those aged 23 or less. Conference registration costs CHF 100 for all participants (not including day visitors and speakers), and is payable on arrival. For details see <http://www.caux.iofc.org/en/conference-fees>

To register for the conference please go to www.caux.ch/register

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