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► President of UNCCD COP meets with GRULAC

President of the UNCCD COP, Alain-Richard Donwahi, Former Minister for Water and Forests of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire made a courtesy call on the Latin American and Caribbean (GRULAC) countries during their daily ordinary meeting on the 16th May, 2022 in Abidjan.



The President committed to visiting as much countries as possible in the region to understand the situation on the ground as it relates to desertification, land degradation and drought. This will enable him to strongly represent these causes of the region during his Presidency.

Mr. Edgar Hunter of Dominica who is one of the GRULAC representatives and a Vice President on the COP Bureau, along with other Vice Presidents of the COP Bureau expressed gratitude to the government and people of Cote d'Ivoire for their hospitality in hosting COP 15.

Mr Hunter also expressed to the President the commitment of the Caribbean Small Island Developing States to the work of the UNCCD and welcomed the President to visit the region to have an intimate understand of the work the region is doing to achieve its LDN targets and also the gaps that exist in implementing further land projects in the region.

► The Peace Forest Initiative

A member of the Peace Forest Initiative from South Korea visited the GRULAC ordinary meeting on 17th May at the UNCCD COP 15 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire as part of an informative intervention.

Peace Forest Initiative is built based on trust and cooperation by restoring degraded lands with villagers living in border regions due to conflicts and neglect.



The Peace Forest Initiative (PFI) is a policy program based on land degradation neutrality (LDN) in fragile and conflict-affected lands, especially in forests, to promote peace between neighbouring countries and ethnic groups through trans-boundary environmental cooperation. The PFI was launched in cooperation between the Korea Forest Service and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, last year at the UNCCD COP 14 and will be as a flagship program that supports UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030.

► Caribbean delegation meets with UNEP

The Partnership Initiative for Sustainable Land Management and members of the Caribbean delegation on May 19th, met with representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)- Mr. Adamou Bouhari Task Manager GEF Biodiversity/Land Degradation, Ecosystems Division, and Mr. Eric Mugo Githua, Ecosystems Division, UN Environment Programme to discuss how countries will ensure the timely and thorough completion of their required reporting to the UNCCD using the 4th edition of the Performance Review and Implementation System (PRAIS 4). As the executing agency from the reporting process, PISLM will be undertaking reporting for eleven of the Caribbean Small Island Developing States. The new and improved PRAIS, known as PRAIS 4, will make access to reporting data easier for country Parties, centralize all reporting data, and offer geospatial data features for the first time.



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