

<p><i>Session Title</i></p>	<p>Strategies for restoring degraded lands in the implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative : What approaches to innovation and research ?</p>
<p><i>Session Description</i></p>	<p>At a contextual level, land resources are an essential and indispensable support for human life, and are at the origin of the production of various ecosystem goods and services that are necessary, even vital, for populations. Their increasingly progressive degradation constitutes a challenge for local development, hence the need for innovative strategies and research and development to meet this challenge.</p> <p>The aim of the session is to promote land restoration as a lever for accelerating the achievement of sustainable development objectives linked to the fight against climate change, biodiversity conservation and socio-economic development. It is of interest to political decision-makers, forestry and desertification experts, researchers and academics, and private sector representatives involved in sustainable land management.</p> <p>Innovative strategies combining models of good practice, involving local populations and supported by research and development work, should enable the area of restored land to be increased.</p> <p>This session mainly focused on the theme of Land Degradation, innovations strategies with research support. The connections between innovations technologies and research implications will be explored. By fostering discussions and sharing insights, this session will seek to identify concrete strategies to mainstream research and Land degradation, ensuring the scaling up and implementation.</p>