

# Invitation

## Science in Support of Combatting Land Degradation

INTERFACES team at IDOS in collaboration with the NGO “Let’s Plant!” invites you to a Panel Discussion and Market Place

**17:00-20:00 (CET), 18 June 2024**

**Tulpenfeld 6, Bonn**

In celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, the INTERFACES team at IDOS in collaboration with the NGO “Let’s Plant!” is organising an evening event including an engaging panel discussion and an interactive market place, accompanied by music, food and drinks.

The global theme of the Desertification and Drought Day 2024 is “United for land. Our Legacy. Our Future” and aims to emphasise the transformative power of sustainable land management and drought resilience as key solutions to today’s challenges and to amplify a renewed global commitment in the run-up to the UNCCD COP16 between 2 and 13 December 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

[INTERFACES](#) is a BMBF funded project, accompanying four regional projects, to strengthen the integration, coherence and reach in the area of sustainable land management in sub-Saharan Africa. Specifically, INTERFACES on the one hand seeks to support impact-driven activities to build on networking, science communication, social learning processes, and capacity development. On the other hand, INTERFACES aims at complementary transfer analyses that enable and facilitate the implementation as well as improve the relevance and outreach of research-based findings

[“Let’s Plant!”](#) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting the restoration of degraded land and the development of new functional agro-ecological systems through a holistic landscape management approach. Practically, “Let’s Plant!” raises awareness on the progressive degradation of ecological systems, develops new concepts, networks with equal-minded organisations, and implements projects in target regions.

With the aim of fostering exchange and science-policy-practitioner networking among organisations and people engaged in combating desertification, soil degradation and drought, INTERFACES and “Let’s Plant!” are organising an engaging panel as well as an interactive market place.

### **Agenda**

16:30 Arrival and registration

17:00 Panel Discussion

**Introduction** by Dr. Tina Beuchelt, project leader INTERFACES and senior researcher at the Center of Development Studies (ZEF), University of Bonn

**Panel**

- Mr. Benjamin Abugri, Knowledge Management Expert at the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
- Prof. Dr. Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Director of the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS)
- Ms. Bettina Iseli, Chief Programme Officer at Welthungerhilfe (WHH)
- Ms. Andrea Meza Murillo, Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- Dr. Anneke Trux, Head of Global Programme Protection and Rehabilitation of Soils for Food Security (ProSoil) at the German Development Corporation (GIZ)
- Dr. Andreas Quiring, CEO and Managing Director of Andreas Hermes Akademie (AHA)

**Moderation** by Dr. Michael Büntrup, senior researcher at the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS)

18:30 Market Place

20:00 End

**Call for Submissions:** For the interactive market place, we have a limited number of stalls available for individuals and organisations to display their work on “Science in Support of Combatting Land Degradation” as well as pin boards to display posters.

If you are interested in presenting your work, please indicate this in your registration.

We especially invite young researchers to present their research.

**Please register [here](#).**