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UNFCCC COP24, 7 December 2018

09.30-11.00, Rio Pavilion, GEF Partnership Pavilion in the Exhibits area

Towards a joint peatland declaration: Synergies of MEAs to reverse the trend on peatland degradation

Peatlands are unique ecosystems that offer important ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation, water supply and purification, atmospheric cooling, flood prevention, biomass production for food and others. The services peatlands provide are globally and locally relevant both for urban and rural areas. Peatland conservation, restoration, wise use and management can be realized and supported by different Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs). To strengthen synergies and amplify efforts to maintain and restore ecosystem services of peatlands, the Ramsar Convention, UNCCD, UNCBD and UNFCCC are beginning to work together on a joint declaration.

This event aims to introduce the idea to develop a joint declaration or work programme to structure collaboration among relevant MEAs, with the aim to further accelerate action, and use synergies for the conservation,

restoration and sustainable management of peatlands. The event will demonstrate the commitment by convention Secretariats and leading International Organisations and interest by contracting parties to work jointly on peatlands issues as an urgent and important priority by developing and supporting joint or synergistic implementation of a common declaration or work programme. Panelists will discuss existing commitments, declarations and resolutions in the MEAs relevant to peatlands conservation, restoration and sustainable management; identify joint priorities; and discuss ways to increase synergies and collaboration on peatlands issues across MEAs; identify next steps and seek to outline a process towards a joint declaration or work programme; identify interested parties to take part in structuring and deepening the collaboration in connection with the Global Peatlands Initiative.

Panelists:

Francisco Rilla, Director of Science and Policy, Ramsar Convention

Monique Barbut, Secretary General, UNCCD (video message)

Representatives from UNCCD, UNCBD and UNFCCC (tbc)

Prof. Hans Joosten, International Mire Conservation Group

Dianna Kopansky, Global Peatlands Initiative Coordinator, UN Environment

Representatives from Germany, Indonesia, Mongolia and Russia (tbc)

Moderator:

Jane Madgwick, Chief Executive Officer, Wetlands International

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Linking biodiversity, climate change and sustainable land management