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# Providing Inter-Disciplinary Scientific Advice to the UNCCD:

## A View from the Scientific Community

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This side event will present the results of the international “e-forum” that was held from January-June 2010 which solicited views on how to introduce scientific advice into the UNCCD.

Over 170 respondents from 52 countries participated in the e-forum, which addressed questions such as:

- the current impact of scientific research on combating land degradation at the national and global levels;
- the need for better information to manage the environment and inform policy making; and,
- the need and scope of a scientific body on land issues.

This side event will discuss the results and views elicited during the e-forum from the scientific community, and will discuss the need for a scientific panel for providing advice from the scientific community to the UNCCD, drawing from similar experiences from bodies such as the IPCC and IPBES.

**Date: 17 February, 2011**

**Time: 6pm - 8pm**

**Location: TBC**