

Enhancing
adaptation for
SLM in a rapidly
changing world







- The earth is getting hotter, sea levels are rising and rainfall patterns are changing rapidly
- Increased climatic variability and extreme weather events are predicted to increase
- The effects of these changes on ecosystems and people's livelihoods could be disastrous
- Land users have limited adaptive choices: leave the land, or change the way they use it
- Anticipatory capacity of land users is crucial to their continued well being

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What is needed from Parties?

DOs

- Consult and enable
- Provide resources
- Facilitate capacity development for anticipatory capacity
- Create an enabling environment for learning and change
- Regulate and legislate

DON'Ts

- Tell land users what to do
- Do things **for** land users that they can do for themselves
- Disempower people
- Withhold or distort information
- Pass or retain legislation that does not address the problems or provides perverse incentives

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In the context of the UNCCD...
Is our support to affected
communities enhancing their
capacities to adapt, or creating
dependencies?

