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**United Nations**  
Convention to Combat  
Desertification

**Agenda for the Virtual Meeting (Duration - 2 hours from 11 am to 1 pm (UK Time))**

TIME	AGENDA
15 mins 11:00 - 11:15	<p><b>Setting the Stage</b> The Rt. Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth</p> <p><b>Welcome Remark</b> Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, UNCCD</p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b> Mr. Selwin Hart, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General and Assistant Secretary-General for Climate Action</p>
25 mins (4 mins each) 11:15 - 11:40	<p><b>High Level Panel</b> <b>Building resilience in the face of climate change &amp; drought</b></p> <p>His Excellency Mr. Pohamba Penomwenyo Shifeta, Environment Minister of Namibia</p> <p>Honorable Dr. Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar, Environment Minister of Nigeria</p> <p>His Excellency Mr. Malik Amin Aslam, Minister of Climate Change of Pakistan</p> <p><b>Climate Change and SIDS</b> His Excellency Mr. Herod Stanislas, Minister within the Ministry of Economic Development, Housing, Urban Renewal, Transport and Civil of Saint Lucia</p> <p><b>The potential of land restoration efforts</b> Her Excellency Ms. Begum Habibun Nahar, Environment Minister of Bangladesh</p> <p><b>Strategies to Build Back Better</b> Honourable Dr. Jeanne d’Arc Mujawamariya, Environment Minister of Rwanda</p> <p>Lord Zac Goldsmith of Richmond Park, Minister of State for the Environment and the Pacific</p>
15 mins 11:40 - 11:55	<p><b>First Reflections</b> Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, UNCCD</p> <p>Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC</p>

<p>55 mins 11:55 - 12:50</p>	<p><b>Discussion: Are land and other nature-based solutions for sustainable development and to fight climate change being taken seriously enough?</b></p> <p><i>Interventions/guidance from Ministers/High Commissioners/ Senior Officials</i></p> <p><i>Questions/Responses from the panel</i></p>
<p>10 mins 12:50 - 13:00</p>	<p><b>Closing:</b></p> <p><b>Summary and take away messaging</b> Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, UNCCD</p> <p><b>Final Remarks</b> Rt. Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth</p>

***Moderator: Dr Ruth Kattumuri, Senior Director, EYSDD, Commonwealth Secretariat.***