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# LDN Fund & TA Facility Strategic Board

Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting  
Video-conference, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020



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# Executive Summary

The LDN Fund and TAF's 3<sup>rd</sup> Strategic Board meeting took place by video conference on June 23, 2020.

Mirova and IDH presented an update respectively on the LDN Fund and TAF activities and outlined the progress made, especially on the delivery of tangible results on the ground, after 18 months of operations.

Discussion then took place around 4 main topics which would subsequently be addressed in a white paper:

## **1. What are the links between biodiversity loss, deforestation and pandemics?**

A strong case was made on following the One Health initiative approach, connecting the health of people with the health of animals and of our shared environment.

*> Specific guidelines at project levels can be investigated in the white paper.*

## **2. How to help sustainable land use operators adapt to COVID 19 crisis, from health but also business continuity plan standpoints?**

While robust protocols need to be implemented on the ground to protect communities, more generic concerns about food security were raised.

*> The white paper could outline potential improvement for the Fund and TAF strategy to contribute to strengthening food security and supporting local food and regional markets.*

## **3. How to design land restoration projects in this new context: more holistic approaches, resilience for communities, just value chains, building safety nets?**

It appears relevant to connect LDN Fund and TAF investment projects to national agendas. The LDN TAF can in particular build on IDHs Landscape approach, to see how impacts of an LDN Investment project could be scaled within a landscape.

*> The white paper could detail development potential for this approach.*

## **4. What is the role of Nature-based solutions in economic recovery packages?**

At the crossroad of the 3 Rio Conventions, Nature-based Solutions should play an important role in recovery packages. Still there is a need to ensure they support a truly just transition and lead to net-positive job creation.

*> The white paper could elaborate further on NBS standards, especially on social and biodiversity aspects.*



# Meeting Minutes

The third meeting of the LDN Fund<sup>1</sup> & TA Facility Strategic Board was held on 23 June 2020 by conference call.

## Participants:

- UNCCD: Ms. Louise Baker, Ms. Camilla Nordheim-Larsen, Mr. Hansol Park
- UNFCCC: Mr. Daniele Violetti
- CBD: Mr. Markus Lehmann
- WWF France: Mr. Arnaud Gauffier, Mr. James Rawles
- SPI: Ms. Annette Cowie
- UNCCD CSO Panel: Mr. Octavio Perez Pardo
- IDH: Ms. Nienke Stam
- Mirova: Mr. Gautier Quéru

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