

## The Fourth Annual

# CAUX FORUM for HUMAN SECURITY

10-17 July 2011 Caux, Switzerland

FRIDAY  
15 JULY

A FULL-DAY SPECIAL EVENT:

# Restoring Earth's degraded land

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REVERSING MAN-MADE DESERTS. REVIVING AGRICULTURAL LAND.



Luc Gnacadja



Clare Short



Yacouba Savadogo



John D. Liu

Each year the equivalent of three Switzerlands is lost due to desertification and drought in the 'drylands', the third of the Earth's land surface that produces 44% of the world's food. Millions there are being forced to move to more productive land, and this is a major cause of conflict.

But this land degradation can not only be halted. It can be reversed.

**Luc Gnacadja**, Executive Secretary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, and **Clare Short**, former UK Secretary of State for International Development, will lead this day which will:

- Outline the challenge we face
- Show how land degradation can be reversed
- Work on strategies to heighten international attention and action on land degradation in the run-up to September's UN summit on combating desertification and next year's Rio+20 summit

Speakers will include

**Yacouba Savadogo** from Burkina Faso, a peasant farmer whose work has transformed the lives of thousands across the Sahel, as told in the documentary *The Man who Stopped the Desert*

**Dr Chris Reij**, author of *Sustaining the Soils*

**John D Liu**, Founder, Environmental Education Media Project

A wide range of people from the drylands, and from UN agencies, NGOs and other organizations active in this field are being invited.

Discussion groups will enable participants to interact, and to discover the creative role each of us can play, both individually and collectively, in the struggle to reverse land degradation.

Friday 15 July 2011

A call to action on interlinked global challenges through...

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9:00	Welcoming participants
9:15–10:45	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Session</p> <p><b>Reversing Man-Made Deserts, Reviving Agricultural Land</b> Introduction by Luc Gnacadja and Clare Short</p> <p>Desertification, land degradation and drought give rise to conflict in numerous areas, affecting both individual 'drylands' and the wider world. And yet the 'drylands' offer great opportunities.</p>
10:45–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00–12:15	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Session</p> <p><b>Re-greening Initiatives for Conflict Prevention</b> Dr Chris Reij, Centre for International Cooperation, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community resource management: focus on best practices and their potential to prevent hunger and conflict</li><li>• Discussion on how to integrate conflict prevention and development</li></ul>
12:30	Lunch
14:00–15:45	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Session</p> <p><b>Film: The Man Who Stopped the Desert</b> presented by Yacouba Savadogo himself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Followed by discussion on the vital role of grassroots leadership</li></ul>
15:45–16:30	Refreshments on the Terrace
16:30–18:15	<p>4<sup>th</sup> Session</p> <p><b>Taking Action – Break-out Groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work on strategies for increasing international attention and action on land degradation</li></ul>
18:30	Dinner
20:15	<p>5<sup>th</sup> Session</p> <p><b>Film: Hope in a Changing Climate</b> presented by John D Liu, the maker of this award-winning documentary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Followed by discussion of land restoration as a means to address climate change</li></ul>

**REGISTER NOW.**  
Space is limited.

Day visitors (includes coffee, afternoon tea, lunch and dinner):

- Per person: CHF 55.–
- Young people (16 to 23 years), students: CHF 40.–

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