



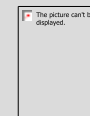
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Side Event

Restoring Agricultural Lands and Preventing Degradation: Financing Solutions through Public Development Banks



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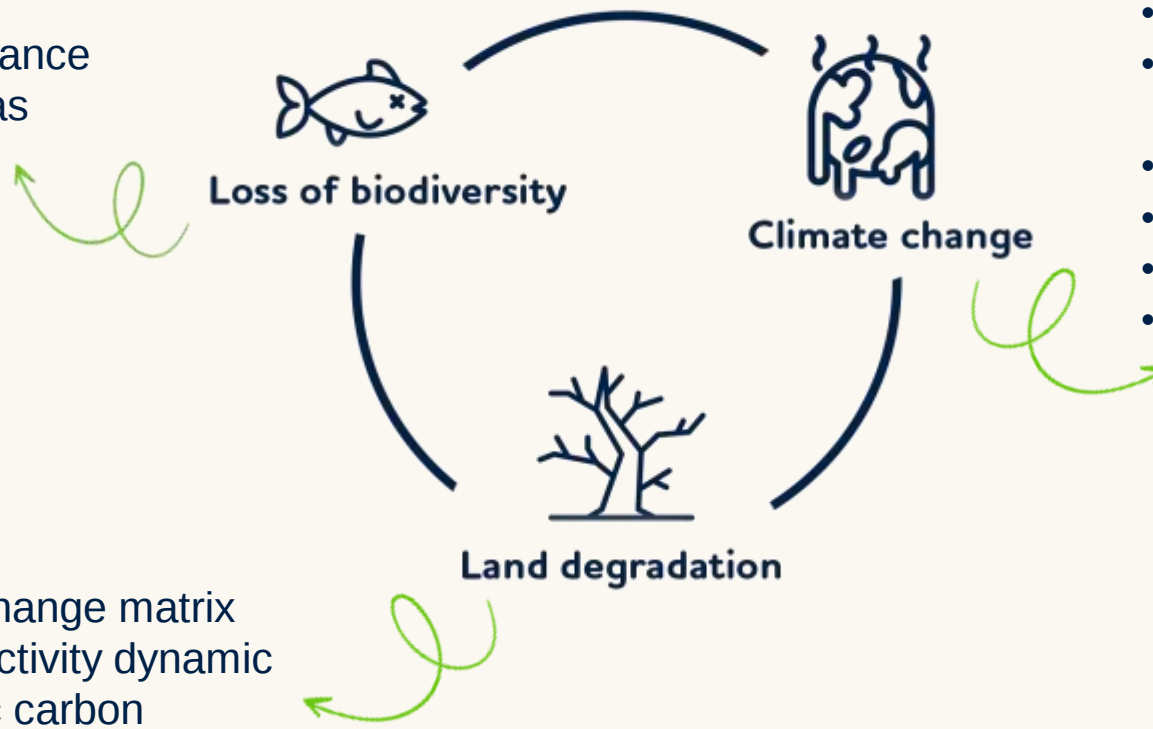
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Three simultaneous crises

- Trends in land use change
- Natural capital
- Mean species abundance
- Key Biodiversity Areas
- Protected Areas



PDBs' role in Land Restoration

National PDBs are key changers — translating COP17's land restoration and land degradation neutrality goals into financed action on the ground.

A PDB is a financial state-owned institution set up to finance projects serving national policy goals, rather than primarily to maximize profit.



Sustainability Integration

Align mandates with SDGs and NDCs, channeling green finance to restoration and climate adaptation.

Ex: BNDES's Low-Carbon Agriculture credit lines fund reforestation.



Catalyze Market Building

De-risk investment to crowd in private capital and prove restoration and rural lending viability.

Ex: BNDES helped make agribusiness 25% of Brazil's GDP.



Counter-Cyclical Stabilization

Sustain credit through crises, protecting restoration and rural investment when private lending contracts.



Beyond Finance: Technical Assistance

Deliver training and innovation support to scale climate-smart practices.

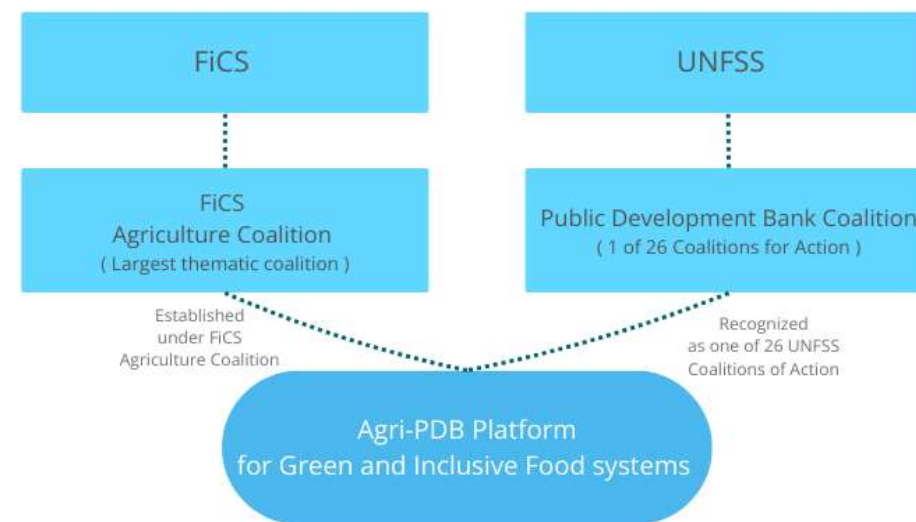
Ex: FIRA (Mexico) extension services lifted maize and avocado yields.

Who we are

“ A global platform empowering
Public Development Banks to finance
green and inclusive food systems.”

- Launched in 2021 by IFAD and AFD, hosted by IFAD.
- Strengthening PDBs to drive sustainable food systems through finance by connecting them to:
Knowledge, Peers, and Technical support
- Positioned within the Finance in Common coalition for agriculture and recognised as a UNFSS+4 Coalition of Action.

Agri-PDB Platform Structure



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How PDBs' are already supporting Land Restoration?

Financing is concentrated in four connected entry points.



01

Water & irrigation

- Irrigation systems
- Water infrastructure
- Cisterns
- Water security, reuse & sanitation

SELECTED EXAMPLES

Argentina BICE · Botswana NDB
India NCDC · Panama BDA
Rwanda RDB · South Africa DBSA
Brazil BNB · Brazil BNDES



02

Land & ecosystem restoration

- Reforestation
- Recovery of degraded areas
- Mangrove protection
- Land remediation & mine restoration

SELECTED EXAMPLES

Brazil BDMG · Brazil BNB
China ADBC · China CDB
Paraguay AFD · Morocco CAM/TEF
Brazil BNDES



03

Soil conservation & health

- Black soil protection
- Direct seeding & conservation agriculture
- Soil fertility
- Mulching & organic inputs

SELECTED EXAMPLES

China ADBC · Morocco CAM/TEF
Brazil BDMG · Mexico FIRA
Uganda UDB



04

Climate resilience & sustainable agriculture

- Agroecology
- Regenerative practices
- Desertification control
- Drought & salinity adaptation

SELECTED EXAMPLES

Brazil BNB · Brazil BNDES
South Africa DBSA · Vietnam ARD
Kenya AFC

Regional zoom: some selected PDB examples

Regional view of selected PDB practices across water, land, soil and climate.

23 CASES REVIEWED · 2 FULLY INTEGRATED · 21 PARTIAL

NORTH, WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA (WCA)



MOROCCO
CAM

CAM supports land restoration through direct seeding and conservation agriculture.

Organizing farmer awareness and field-demonstration sessions, promotes climate-adapted varieties

CAM partnered with ANEF, GIZ and Green Energy Park for the Green Startup competition, supporting green initiatives led by young people and women in rural

LAND **SOIL** **WATER**

SENEGAL · WCA
LBA

LBA has developed a climate strategy, taxonomy, and investment strategy that funds land restoration (zaï, stone barriers, half-moons, agroforestry) and the production and use of organic soil improvers, fertilisers, compost, biofertilizers, and other soil conditioners.

SOIL **CLIMATE**

THEME KEY

WATER
Water systems

LAND
Land restoration

SOIL
Soil health

CLIMATE
Climate resilience

EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA (ESA)

5 selected PDB examples across 5 countries



KENYA
AFC

AFC operates under the regulatory framework of Agricultural Soil Management Policy of 2023, focused on soil conservation, fertility enhancement, and sustainable land use practice

AFC integrates measures to bolster sustainable land management practices among clients, ensuring viability of agricultural investments

CLIMATE

UGANDA
UDB

UDB reports Investments in climate-smart agriculture, including practices such as improved seedlings, organic manure, inorganic fertilizer, and mulching

SOIL

Asia and LAC examples

Four selected country examples connect PDB activity to restoration themes.

8 SELECTED COUNTRIES · 8 PDB EXAMPLES

ASIA & THE PACIFIC (APR)

2 selected PDB examples across China and India

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN (LAC)

2 selected PDB examples across Bolivia and Argentina

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CHINA

ADBC

Black soil protection, water conservancy, efficient irrigation, mine restoration

LAND

SOIL

INDIA

NABARD

- The JIVA programme helps farmers transform the production system through agroecological practices
- Watershed Development Fund (WDF) for promoting soil and water conservation, afforestation, and sustainable land use practices for rural communities
- Umbrella Programme for Natural Resource Management (UNPRM) supporting financially
- Landscape-based Regenerative Resilient Rainfed Ecosystem Development Programme, focusing on the management of water, soil and agricultural landscapes
- Climate Action – Adaptation Fund to finance water conservation and storage ; structures to combat erosion and conserve soil; crop diversification ; integrated farming combining arable farming, livestock rearing, fish farming or aquaculture; agroforestry, reforestation, mangrove planting and ecosystem restoration

WATER

SOIL

CLIMATE

BOLIVIA

BDP

Training in sustainable agricultural and livestock practices, efficient input use, pest management, and soil and water conservation.

Technical assistance on irrigation systems, soil management, fertilization, climate change and early-warning systems.

Soil testing on client farms to assess fertility and provide tailored fertilization recommendations.

WATER

CLIMATE

ARGENTINA

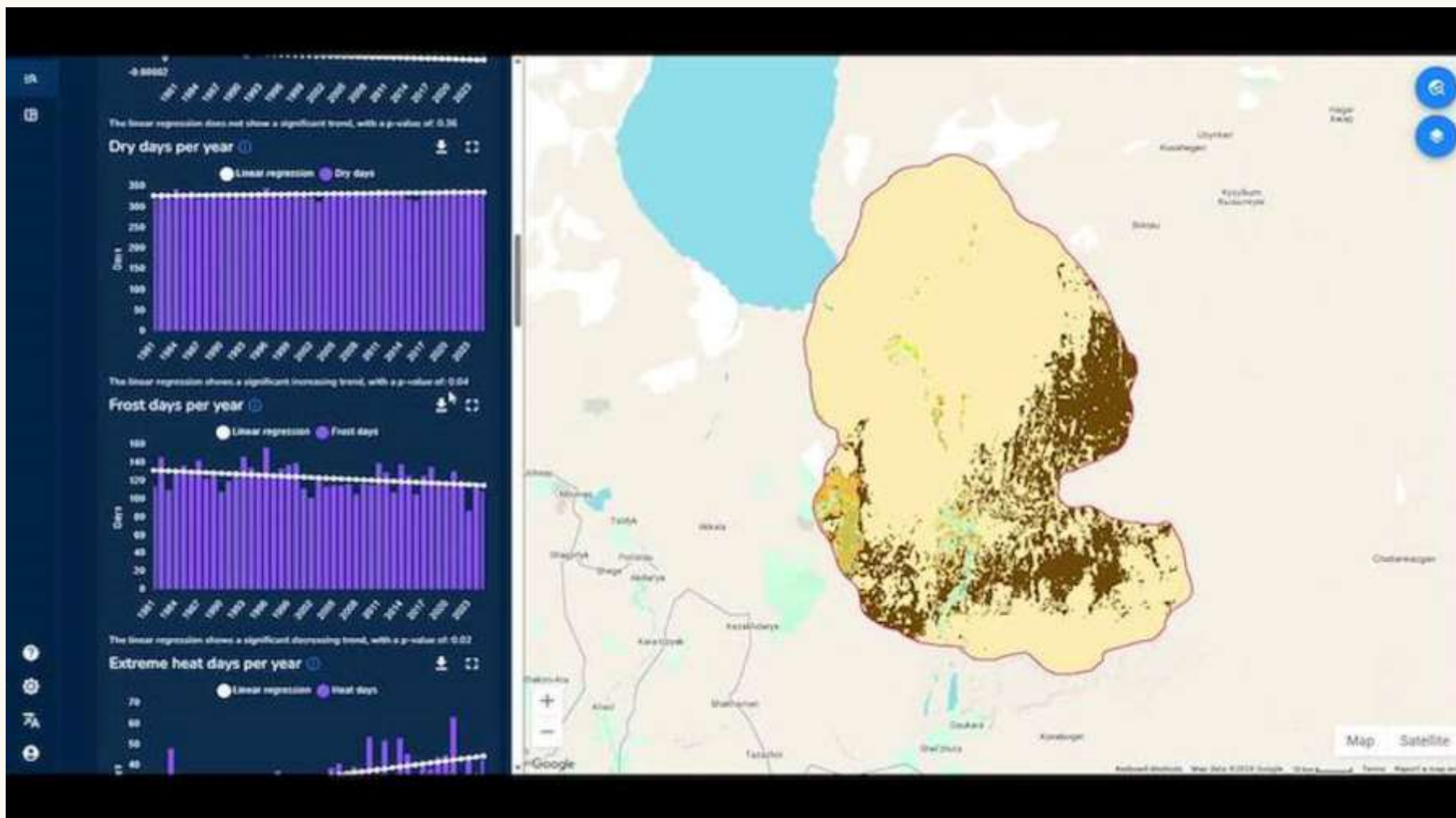
BICE

Provided USD 5 million in leasing finance for advanced irrigation equipment and other productive assets supporting its peanut value chain in Argentina.

The new drip-irrigation system is expected to reduce water use by 30%, fertilizer use by 20%, and energy consumption by limiting filtration and evaporation.

The investment can reduce pressure on soil and water resources and maintain agricultural productivity.

What is ABC-Map?



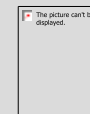


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