

Thank you for giving me the floor Chair,

My name is Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim from Chad. I am speaking on behalf of the CSO constituency. We would like to congratulate the 24 countries that presented their reports. As CSO constituency we are concerned that only 16% of 195 parties have fulfilled this important requirement. However, we found the methodology and the criteria are not clear and uniform for countries that have some impact on the relevant data indicators.

Sustainable land management is crucial for people; reports must be always available to all stakeholders particularly vulnerable population, indigenous peoples, women and youth. Reporting must be inclusive, participatory and multi-sectoral. This can maintain coherence with all the 3 RIO Conventions in order to achieve the target 15.3 on land degradation neutrality.

We recommend a capacity building for the future reporting including a clear format, simple for effectiveness of the report. The capacity building must include CSO to better contribute to the report.

We also think it is crucial to have effective data verification mechanism in place in order to validate information and ensure accuracy and credibility.