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Integrated Financing Strategies: Mobilising financial resources for Sustainable Land Management

Conclusion

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SESSION 1:

MOBILIZING FINANCIAL RESOURCES

- Sustainable Land Management (SLM) is a solution to land degradation
- Technology (techniques, approaches, practices) is important but not enough
- Multi-stakeholder involvement is necessary
- Finance needed from broad range of sources: internal, external, public, private
- Integrated Financing Strategies (IFS) are processes leading to the required investments

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SESSION 2 :

MAKING THE CASE

- **Mainstreaming is the process leading to the integration of SLM in policy and budget processes – both in developing and developed countries**
- **Economic assessment of the total value of land and cost of land degradation is needed to make the case**
- **Importance of measuring returns on investment (outputs) in addition to finance (inputs)**
- **Examples from countries (e.g. Cameroon, Eritrea, Jordan, etc.) demonstrate positive results from Integrated Financing Strategies (IFS) processes**

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SESSION 3:

SEIZING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

- The public sector alone cannot deal with the issue of land degradation
- Vast range of innovative financing sources, instruments and mechanisms
- Examples: Market Based Mechanisms, Private sector financing, climate change financing
- Importance of adopting an inclusive and participatory approach in the promotion of SLM (e.g. in setting up Payments for Ecosystem Services)

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