

## ELD Initiative in Central Asia will be supported by ICSD

*DUSHANBE, Tajikistan, November 28, 2014 - At the second ministerial meeting of the Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development of Central Asia (ICSD) Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan adopted the decision to support the ELD Initiative in these five countries.*

The presentation “The Economics of Land Degradation in Central Asia: Methods and Approaches” held by a representative of the ELD Initiative outlined the main issues of land degradation in these five central Asian countries including pasture degradation, forestry and irrigated agriculture. Subsequently possibilities for involvement of the ICSD in form of political support, co-financing of events and leading the study at the national level through its scientific knowledge sharing mechanisms were discussed. The high level representatives stated their readiness to support the ELD Initiative and entitled the Scientific-Information Committee to propose ways for a future collaboration between the two organizations.

