﻿﻿**BEIJING:   21-25 AUGUST 2016**  
  
There will be a dedicated "Land Degradation and Desertification" [Session](http://weebly-file/2/3/9/6/23963363/approved_sessions_-_igc_2016_-_late_updated_dec._9_2015.pdf) at the [33rd International Geographical Union (IGU) Congress](http://www.igc2016.org/dct/page/1).  There will also be a COMLAND Meeting during the Congress.  Details on date, time and location will be posted in due course.  
  
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[APPROVED SESSIONS](http://www.comland.org/uploads/2/3/9/6/23963363/approved_sessions_-_igc_2016_-_late_updated_dec._9_2015.pdf)[INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION](http://www.comland.org/uploads/2/3/9/6/23963363/instruction_for_abstract_submission___abstract_sample.pdf)

Post Congress Summary report:  
  
COMLAND Steering Committee Members Pawel Prokov and Owen Graham Chaired concurrent COMLAND Themed Papers Sessions all day on Wednesday 24 August 2016.  There were 42 scheduled presentations and approximately 60% of speakers presented their papers.  There were also a few unscheduled paper presentations which filled some of the unexpected gaps in the agenda.  Most presenters received questions, sometimes challenging, from the audience.  By the quality of presentations, it was clear that considerable time had been devoted to their preparation.  Audience numbers were evenly spread between approximately 10 and 60 attendees in each session throughout the day.  Approximately 8 existing COMLAND members attended the congress.  Four of the proposed six Post-Congress Field Trips were operated.  COMLAND members attended the Trips to:  (1) Dunhuang, Turpan & Urumqi, (2) Xining, Qinghai Lake & Lhasa, and (3) Guilin & Kunming.