

Retaining Water in the Landscape

Cultural Landscape Lab | Session 1 with Gerd Meyer and Rico Horn

- 🍎 **Link for the Meeting:** <https://meet.google.com/wmq-efjp-wnv?authuser=0&hs=122>
- 🍎 **Language:** German, translation available (see instructions below)
- 🍎 **Note on recording:** The session will be recorded and subsequently published on the Hochstamm Deutschland e.V. YouTube channel.

Session 1: If You Can Green the Desert, You Can Succeed Anywhere

- 🍎 **Time:** Monday, September 28 | 6:30 p.m. (ends around 8:00 p.m.) Central European Time
- 🍎 **Series Theme:** Retaining Water in the Landscape
- 🍎 **Topic of the First Session:** If You Can Green the Desert, You Can Succeed Anywhere
- 🍎 **Speakers:** Gerd Meyer ([Botanik Weißenburg](#)) and Rico Horn ([Erdenwert e.V.](#))

Faced with soil erosion and desertification on Fuerteventura, Rico Horn and Gerd Meyer are revitalizing depleted soils. Using Terra Preta, they improve soil fertility and effectively retain rainwater in the landscape. They stimulate soil processes with innovative establishment and planting methods for a wide variety of food crops and offer practical ideas for resilient systems.



Rico Horn (left) and Gerd Meyer are exploring new ways to retain water in the landscape. They are replanting the arid landscape of Fuerteventura (Photos: Erdenwert e.V., Botanik Weißenburg).

Upcoming Events

- 🍎 Monday, October 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. (MEZ (UTC+2)): Forest-inspired Agriculture in Desert Climates with António Coelho, organic farmer and co-founder of the Portuguese initiative [Terra Sintrópica](#)
- 🍎 Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. (MEZ (UTC+1)): Regenerative Agriculture: Drought Protection through on-site Humus Building with Urs Mauk, agricultural scientist and founder of [ReLaVisio](#)
- 🍎 Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. (MEZ (UTC+1)): Proven Knowledge for Times of Drought - How local Communities "harvest" Water with Dr. Maria Angélica Salas and Dr. Hermann J. Tillmann

All recordings from the Cultural Landscapes Lab will be available after the session on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@hochstammdeutschland>

About the Cultural Landscapes Lab

Hochstamm Deutschland e.V. is known as a network dedicated to the further development of orchard meadows. However, orchard meadows are not isolated; they are part of a global family of traditional cultural landscapes. They make a significant contribution to nature and to us humans, but are often not very economically viable. That is why the [Cultural Landscapes Lab](#) is being established. Our goal: to combine knowledge from traditional cultural landscapes with modern solutions in order to develop resilient, sustainable, and productive agri-food systems.

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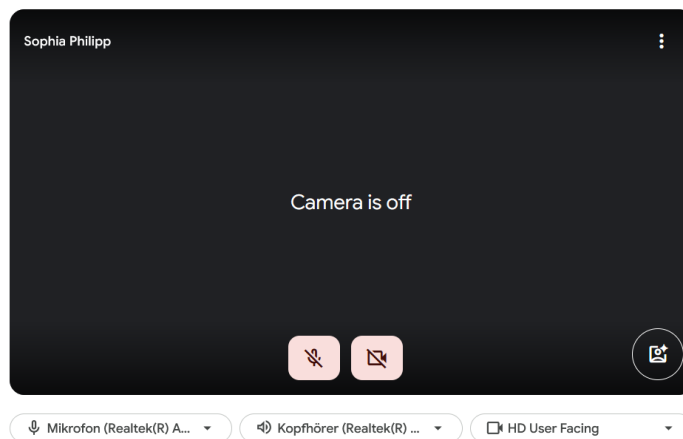
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Instructions: Translation Feature in Google Meet

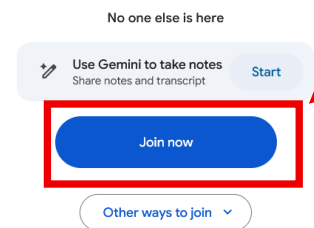
We're delighted that you're joining us for the Cultural Landscapes Lab's online sessions. Since we frequently have international speakers who present in their native languages, we use Google Meet's translation feature. Below, we'll walk you through the steps to set this up for your meeting.

Step 1

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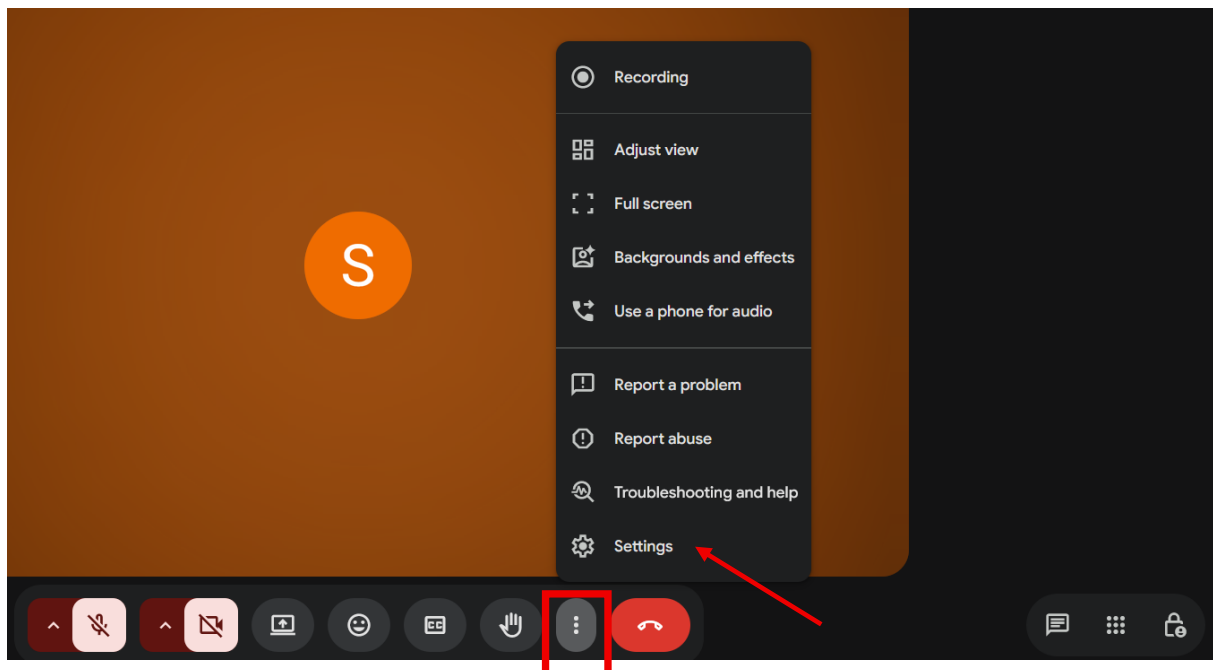


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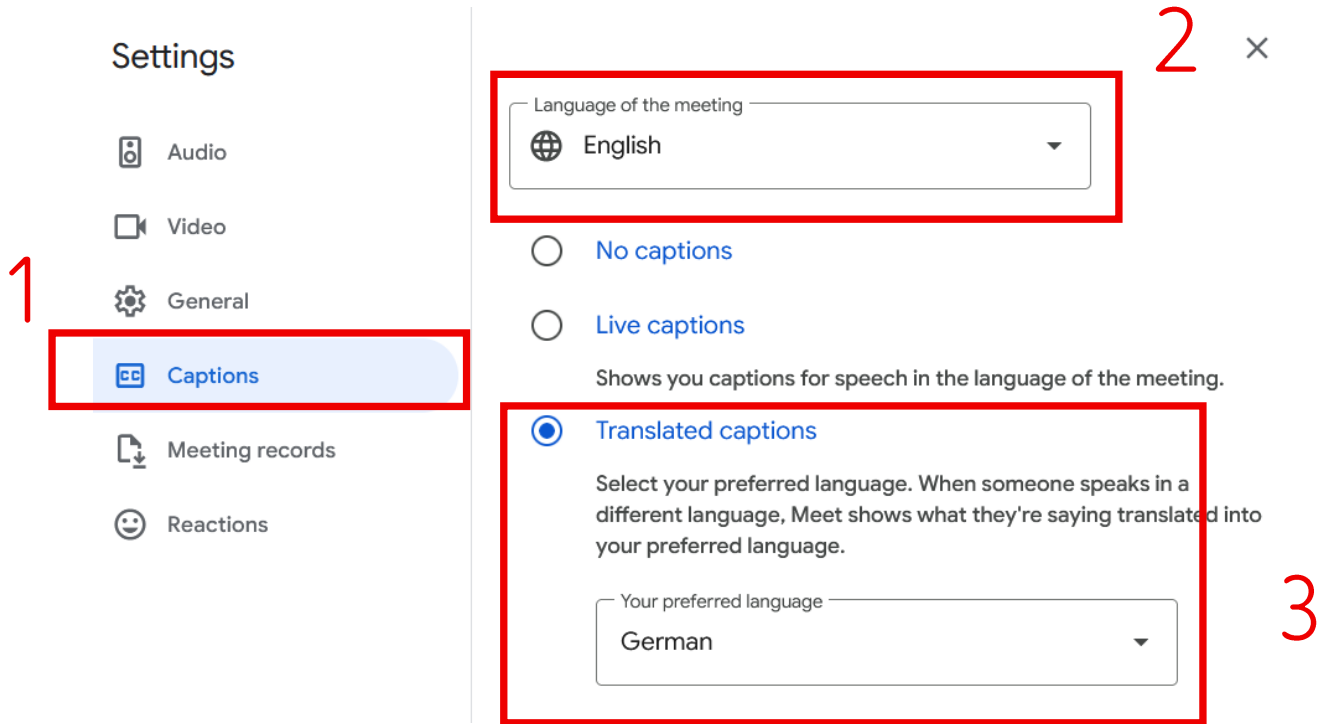
Step 2

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Step 3

Select “Translations,” “Translated Subtitles,” then the meeting language at the top and your preferred language. The setting is saved automatically.



Settings

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Language of the meeting

English

☐ No captions

☐ Live captions

Shows you captions for speech in the language of the meeting.

☒ **Translated captions**

Select your preferred language. When someone speaks in a different language, Meet shows what they're saying translated into your preferred language.

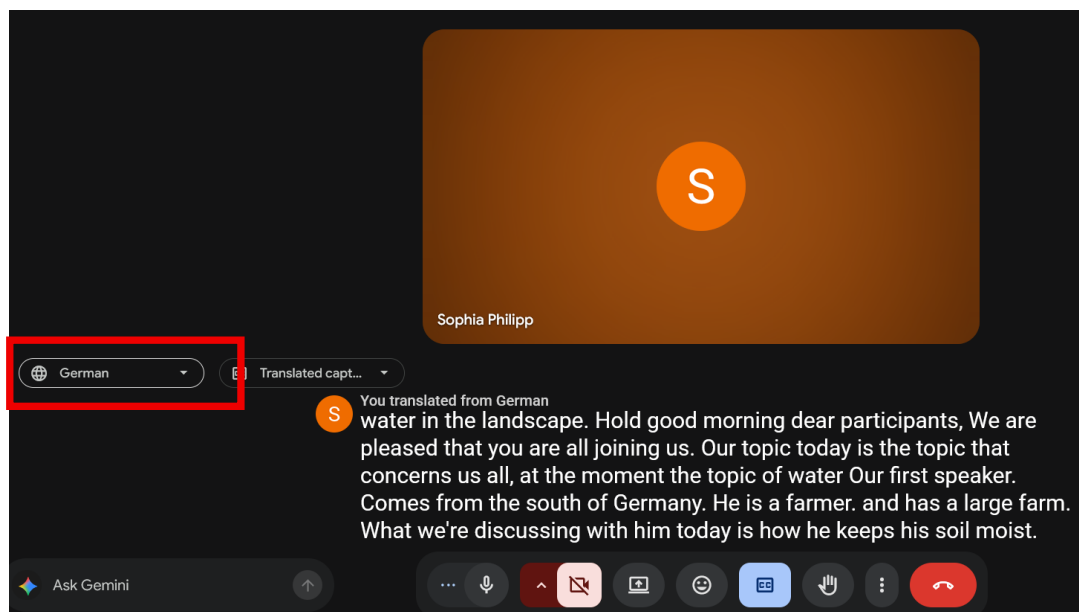
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German

Step 4

You will now see the subtitles displayed. If the language changes during the meeting, you can change the language spoken in the meeting on the left, below your video.

In this example, the speaker is speaking German—what is being said is translated into English.



German

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You translated from German

water in the landscape. Hold good morning dear participants, We are pleased that you are all joining us. Our topic today is the topic that concerns us all, at the moment the topic of water Our first speaker. Comes from the south of Germany. He is a farmer. and has a large farm. What we're discussing with him today is how he keeps his soil moist.