



Information on Desertification

UN Observances

- United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification 2010-2020
<http://unddd.unccd.int/>
- World Day to Combat Desertification - 17 June
<http://www.un.org/en/events/desertificationday/>
<http://www.unccd.int/publicinfo/june17/2010/menu.php>
- International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2006
<http://www.unccd.int/IYDD/index.htm>
- World Environment Day – 5 June 2006
Theme: Deserts and Desertification, Slogan: Don't Desert Drylands!"
<http://www.unep.org/wed/2006>

UN Entities

- Secretariat of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
<http://www.unccd.int>

UN Treaties and Declarations

- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa
<http://www.unccd.int/convention/text/convention.php>

Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials

- Secretary-General calls for intensified global efforts 'to nurture the land we need' to reach development goals, ensure human well-being, in message to Brazil meeting (SG/SM/13061-ENV/DEV/1151-OBV/904, 16 August 2010):
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2010/sgsm13061.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General Stresses importance of drylands, in Message for World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (SG/SM/12955-ENV/DEV/1147-OBV/888, 11 June 2010):
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sgsm12955.doc.htm>
- Land-dependent People Should Be 'Part of the Picture' at Copenhagen Conference, Secretary-General Tells States Parties to UN Convention on Desertification (SG/SM/12499-ENV/DEV/1081, 28 September 2009): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2009/sgsm12499.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in message for day to combat desertification and drought, stresses need to reconsider agricultural practices, water management (SG/SM/12304-ENV/DEV/1057-OBV/794, 11 June 2009): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2009/sgsm12304.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General urges renewed commitment to reversing land degradation, in message for World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, 17 June (SG/SM/11636-ENV/DEV/996-OBV/703, 11 June 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11636.doc.htm>

Further information

- UN Division for Sustainable Development: Desertification and Drought
<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdissues/desertification/desert.htm>
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO): Desertification
<http://www.fao.org/desertification>
- International Fund for Agricultural Development: IFAD and desertification
<http://www.ifad.org/english/desert/index.htm>
- UN Development Programme (UNDP): Drylands Development Centre
<http://www.undp.org/drylands/>
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP): Programme on Success Stories in Land Degradation/ Desertification Control
<http://www.unep.org/desertification/successstories/>
- World Bank: Agricultural and Rural Development – Desertification
<http://go.worldbank.org/NB5JIFGZE0>
- World Bank Partnership on Combatting Desertification
<http://go.worldbank.org/JVVVWCH4NJ0>
- Global Environment Facility: Land Degradation
http://207.190.239.143/Projects/focal_areas/land/land.html

Selection of Publications available online

- UNCCD Publications
<http://www.unccd.int/knowledge/menu.php>
- Trends in Sustainable Development, 2008-2009: Agriculture, rural development, land, desertification and drought (DESA, 2008): <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/publications/trends2008/fullreport.pdf>
- Global Desert Outlook (UNEP, 2006)
<http://www.unep.org/geo/gdoutlook/>
- Gender and Desertification: Expanding roles for women to restore drylands (IFAD, March 2006)
http://www.ifad.org/pub/gender/desert/gender_desert.pdf
- Tourism and Deserts: A Practical Guide to Managing the Social and Environmental Impacts in the Desert Recreation Sector (UNEP, 2006)
<http://www.unep.fr/shared/publications/pdf/DT1x0794xPA-TourismDesertEN.pdf>

Selected Articles in UN journals

- UNCCD News - a bi-monthly update on the work of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification: <http://newsbox.unccd.int/>
- Our Planet. Volume 17, Number 1, 2006: Deserts and Drylands:
http://www.ourplanet.com/imgversn/171/full_pdfs/Our_Planet_17.1_french.pdf
- TUNZA - The UNEP Magazine for Youth. Volume 4, Number 1, 2006: Deserts and Drylands:
<http://www.ourplanet.com/tunza/issue0401en/>