

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMBATING DESERTIFICATION

22-24 January 2008

Beijing, China

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 22 JANUARY

8:00 – 9:00	REGISTRATION
9:30 – 12:30	PLENARY SESSION: OPENING AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS
9:30 – 10:00	WELCOME REMARKS - PRESIDING MINISTER: JIA ZHIBANG <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. HUI Liangyu, Vice Premier of the State Council• [Message from the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon] [English] [中文]• Mr. Sha Zukang, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs• Minister Francis Nhema, Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development• Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of UN Convention on Combating Desertification
10:00 – 10:20	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
	MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS - PRESIDING MINISTER: ZHU LIEKE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister Andre de Jesus Moda, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Angola• Dr. Marjan Cencen, Slovenian Ambassador in China on behalf of the European Union• Ambassador Daniel Carmon, Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations• Mr. Ricardo Larriera, Minister-Department of Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina• Mr. Changchui He, Assistant Director-General & Regional Representative for Asia and Pacific, FAO• Mr. Bakary Kante, Director, UNEP• Mr. Tiega Anada Secretary-General of Ramsar Convention on Wetlands• Mr. Kunhamboo Kannan, Director, EAAE, Asian Development Bank• Mr. Yasuyuki Aoshima, UNESCO Representative in China and Director of UNESCO Office in Beijing (on behalf of Mr. Koichiro Matsuura, DG of UNESCO) <p>Introduction of Programme Introduction of Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OIC, CSD Secretariat: Kathleen Abdalla
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH
13:30 – 15:00	THEMATIC SESSION I GLOBAL CHALLENGES OF DESERTIFICATION: TRENDS AND OUTLOOK

	<p>Moderator: Ms. JoAnne DiSano Discussants: Zhen Rui, UNCCD; Mr. Ousman Laye, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UN-ECA; Dr. Muhammad Rafique, Pakistan; Mr. Sasa Ojdanic, Vice-Chair of CSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Desertification challenge: case study of Burkina Faso</i> by Mr. Michel Jérôme TANKOANO, Head of the Programme for Combating Desertification, Burkina Faso • <i>Challenges of Desertification in China</i> by Mr. Wang Tao, Research Professor, Director, Cold and Arid Regions, Environmental and Engineering Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China • <i>Desertification challenge: case study of Peru</i> by Dr. Lillian Carrillo, Adviser of Environmental Division, Peru • <i>Desertification challenge in Eastern Europe, case study of Moldova</i> by Ms. Natalia Prepelita, International Cooperation and European Integration Centre, State Hydro-meteorological Service
15:00 – 15:20	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
15:20 – 17:00	<p>THEMATIC SESSION II ECOSYSTEM CHALLENGES OF DESERTIFICATION: BARRIERS AND CONSTRAINTS</p> <p>Moderator: <u>Dr. Uriel Safriel</u> Discussants: Mr. Majendra Joshi, UNFF; Christopher Edmonds, Rural Development Economist, Asian Development Bank; Mr. Luohui Liang, Academic Programme Officer, Environment and Sustainable Development, United Nations University;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ecosystem challenge of desertification in Ethiopia</i> by Mr Beleta Geda, team leader, Biodiversity Division, Federal Environmental Protection Authority, Ethiopia; • <i>Regional challenges in Asia, case study of India</i> by Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Deputy Inspector General, Government of India, National Afforestation & Eco-development Board • <i>Setting of Strategic Alliances for the Implementation of the NAP in Argentina – the Lessons Learned</i> by Mr. Ricardo Larriera, Minister-Department of Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina • <i>Combating desertification: the experience of Spain</i> by Mr. Luis Jose Herranz Saez, General Director for Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment, Spain
18:30 – 20:00	RECEPTION

DAY2: WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY

9:00 – 10:30	<p>THEMATIC SESSION III SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCING CHALLENGES OF DESERTIFICATION: BARRIERS AND CONSTRAINTS</p>
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	<p>Moderator: Mr. Christopher Edmonds, Discussants: Dr. Dirk Pilari, UN-DESA; Dr. Nam Sangmin, Environmental Affairs Officer, UN-ESCAP; Mr. Liu Keyong, Division Director, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Finance, China, Faainoino Laulala, UNCCD Focal Point Coordinator, Samoa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Regional challenges in Africa: the case of Tunisia</i> by Mr. Hamda Aloui, UNCCD national focal point for Tunisia • <i>Regional challenges in Asia: case study of Iran</i> by Mr. Ahmad Rajabi, Desertification Expert, Iran • <i>National experience of combating desertification</i> by Mr. Silver Hutabarat, national focal point of UNCCD, Indonesia • <i>Sustainable land management in SIDS, case study of Jamaica</i> by Mr. Philbert Emanuel Brown, Senior Director, Emergency Management & Weather Services, Office of the Prime Minister, Jamaica
10:30 – 10:50	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
10:50 – 12:30	<p>THEMATIC SESSION IV MEASURES TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION INCLUDING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL MEASURES, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MEASURES AND CAPACITY BUILDING: LESSONS LEARNED AND BEST PRACTICES</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Bakary Kante, Director, UNEP Discussants: Mr. Yang You Ling, UNCCD; Mr. Majendra Joshi; Mr. Zang Chunlin, Deputy Director General, China National Committee for the Implementation of the UNCCD; Dr. Lillian Carrillo, Peru.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>National experience of Botswana</i> by Dr. M. Manthe-Tsuaneng, Director, Department of Forestry and Range Resource, Botswana • <i>Combating desertification in the work of the UN Forum on Forests</i> by Mr. Peter Csoka, OIC, Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests • <i>Advance Desertification Combat to Accelerate Sustainable Development - Measurements and Experiences in China</i> by Mr. Liu Tuo, Engineering Professor, Director General, National Bureau to combat Desertification, State Forestry Administration, National Focal Point to UNCCD, China
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH
13:30 – 15:00	<p>THEMATIC SESSION IV MEASURES TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION INCLUDING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL MEASURES, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MEASURES AND CAPACITY BUILDING: LESSONS LEARNED AND BEST PRACTICES</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Scott Christiansen Discussants: Dr. Chun Yong Lee, Korean Forest Research Institute;</p>

	<p>ADB; Mr. Tri Tharyat, Indonesia; Koji Hattori, Japan; Mr. Luis Jose Herranz Saez, General Director for Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment, Spain; Mr. Malcolm Johnson, Director , ITU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Combating desertification and climate change</i> by Dr. Buruhani Nyenzi, Director, WMO • <i>The challenges and experiences of the Republic of Belarus</i> by Dr. Kiryl Rudy, the Republic of Belarus • <i>Sustainable Land Management to Combat Desertification in Pakistan</i> by Dr. Amjad Virk, Ministry of Environment, Pakistan • <i>Experience of Dry land integrated ecosystem Management Project</i> by ADB-GEF Project Management Office
15:00 – 15:20	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
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DAY3: THURSDAY, 24 JANUARY

9:00 – 10:30	<p>THEMATIC SESSION V MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION: CONTRIBUTIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NGOS</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Kathleen Abdalla Discussants: UNDP; ADB; NGOs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Practice and Experience of Desertification control in Beijing</i> by Mr. Gan Jing, Deputy Director-General, Beijing Municipal Bureau of
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	<p>Forestry and Parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i><u>The role of local Government, Ningxia's experience</u></i> by the Forestry Bureau of Ningxia Autonomous Region • <i><u>Re-vegetation of degraded land as a measure of combating desertification - experience of Iraq</u></i> by Dr. Fadhil Al-Farrajii, G.D. State Board Of Combating Desertification • <i><u>Combating Desertification - FAO's strategy and programme</u></i> by Yuji Niino, Land Management Officer FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
10:30 – 10:50	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
11:00 – 11:50	<p>PLENARY SESSION: THE WAY FORWARD COMBATING DESERTIFICATION IN THE BROAD CONTEXT OF IMPLEMENTING LONG-TERM, INTEGRATED AND COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES, WITH INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of UNCCD Discussants: Session Moderators; Ms. Li Ting, Division Director, Department of Law and Treaty, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION: BEIJING STATEMENT</p> <p>Director-General QU Guilin OIC, CSD Secretariat: Kathleen Abdalla</p>
11:50 - 12:00	BREAK: DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES OF BEIJING STATEMENT
12:00 - 12:25	<p>CLOSING</p> <p>Presiding Officer: Director-General QU Guilin</p> <p>Mr. Sha Zukang, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Minister Francis Nhema, Chairman of CSD-16 Mr. Zhu Lie Ke, Vice Minister, SFA</p>
	<p>PRESS CONFERENCE</p> <p>Mr. Zhu Lie Ke, Vice Minister, SFA Mr. Sha Zukang, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of UNCCD</p>
12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH