



# Desertification

## UN Entities

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

## UN Treaties and Declarations

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



**Sustainable Development Goal 15:**  
**Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss**  
<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/biodiversity/>  
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg15>  
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/desertificationlanddegradationanddrought>

## UN Conferences and Observances

- Fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP14), New Delhi, India – 7 to 18 October 2019  
<https://www.unccd.int/news-events/india-will-host-unccd-cop14>
- United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification 2010-2020  
[http://www.un.org/en/events/desertification\\_decade/](http://www.un.org/en/events/desertification_decade/)  
<https://www.unccd.int/actions/united-nations-decade-deserts-2010-2020-and-fight-against-desertification>
- World Day to Combat Desertification - 17 June  
<https://www.unccd.int/actions/17-june-world-day-combat-desertification>  
<http://www.un.org/en/events/desertificationday/>
- General Assembly High-level Meeting High-level Meeting on Desertification, 20 September 2011  
<http://www.un.org/en/ga/desertification2011/>
- International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2006  
<http://www.iydd.org/>

## Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials

- Tackle causes of drought, desertification, land degradation, Secretary-General urges at 'Save the Earth' exhibition opening (SG/SM/18160-ENV/DEV/1726, 28 September 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sgsm18160.doc.htm>
- We must 'restore degraded soils, manage our land better', Secretary-General says in Message for Celebration of World Day to Combat Desertification (SG/SM/17862-ENV/DEV/1682-OBV/1628, 17 June 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sgsm17862.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General urges cooperation to reclaim degraded land in Message for World Day to Combat Desertification, Drought (SG/SM/17821-ENV/DEV/1678-OBV/1621, 6 June 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sgsm17821.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in Message for World Day, urges investment in healthy soils to secure food, freshwater rights, control climate change (SG/SM/16842-ENV/DEV/1526-OBV/1481, 15 June 2015): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/sgsm16842.doc.htm>
- Worst effects of climate change can be averted, says Secretary-General in Message for World Day to Combat Desertification (SG/SM/15933-ENV/DEV/1436-OBV/1343, 11 June 2014): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2014/sgsm15933.doc.htm>

## Further information

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
  - Action Against Desertification: <http://www.fao.org/in-action/action-against-desertification/en/>
  - Dryland Forestry: <http://www.fao.org/dryland-forestry/en/>
- UN Development Programme (UNDP) - Global Policy Centre on Resilient Ecosystems and Desertification: [http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/ourwork/global-policy-centres/sustainable\\_landmanagement/](http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/ourwork/global-policy-centres/sustainable_landmanagement/)
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP) – Ecosystem Management <https://www.unenvironment.org/explore-topics/ecosystems>
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - Ecological Sciences for Sustainable Development - Drylands: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/ecological-sciences/specific-ecosystems/drylands/>
- Global Environment Facility - Land Degradation <http://www.thegef.org/topics/land-degradation>

## Selection of Publications available online

- UNCCD Publications <https://www.unccd.int/publications>
- Trends in Sustainable Development, 2008-2009: Agriculture, rural development, land, desertification and drought (DESA, 2008): <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/30fullreport.pdf>

## Selected Articles in UN journals

- UNCCD Newsletters: <https://www.unccd.int/newsletters>
- Our Planet. Volume 17, Number 1, 2006: Deserts and Drylands: <https://un4.me/2NeSoI5>
- TUNZA - The UNEP Magazine for Youth. Volume 4, Number 1, 2006: Deserts and Drylands: <https://un4.me/2GxJcy8>