

## **Information on Desertification**

### **UN Observances**

- World Day to Combat Desertification - 17 June  
<http://www.unccd.int/publicinfo/june17/2008/menu.php>  
<http://www.un.org/events/desertification/2008/>  
<http://www.ifad.org/media/events/2008/desert.htm>
- 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 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>
- Desertification, climate change pose unrivalled challenge to humanity, demand unprecedented response from all, says Secretary-General to Madrid Meeting (SG/SM/11151-ENV/DEV/948, 12 September 2007):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2007/sgsm11151.doc.htm>

- Desertification, climate change threaten development goals, must be addressed together, as ‘one global challenge’, says Secretary-General on world day (SG/SM/11030-ENV/DEV/943-OBV/633, 7 June 2007):

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2007/sgsm11030.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.ruralpovertyportal.org/english/topics/desertification/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 Meteorological Organization (WMO)  
[http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/wcp/agm/agmp\\_en.html](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/wcp/agm/agmp_en.html)
- World Bank: Agricultural and Rural Development – Desertification  
<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTARD/0,,contentMDK:20452543~pagePK:148956~piPK:216618~theSitePK:336682,00.html>
- World Bank Partnership on Combatting Desertification  
<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/ENVIRONMENT/0,,contentMDK:20276737~pagePK:148956~piPK:216618~theSitePK:244381,00.html>
- Global Environment Facility: Land Degradation  
[http://www.gefweb.org/projects/Focal\\_Areas/land/land.html](http://www.gefweb.org/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>
- Re-thinking Policies to Cope with Desertification (UNU-INWEH, 2007)  
[http://www.inweh.unu.edu/inweh/drylands/Publications/IYDD\\_Policy\\_Brief-June\\_2007.pdf](http://www.inweh.unu.edu/inweh/drylands/Publications/IYDD_Policy_Brief-June_2007.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](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/pc/tourism/library/Desert%20Guide.htm>

### **Selected Articles in UN journals**

- Rethinking Policies to Cope with Desertification / by Theresa Mutter (UN Chronicle Online edition, 2007):  
[http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/webArticles/070307\\_desertification.htm](http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2007/webArticles/070307_desertification.htm)
- 'Don't Desert Drylands' They Will Take Care of You / by Paritosh Kasotia (UN Chronicle, Issue 4, 2006):  
<http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2006/issue4/0406p22.htm>
- Our Planet. Volume 17, Number 1, 2006: Deserts and Drylands:  
[http://www.ourplanet.com/imgversn/171/full\\_pdfs/Our\\_Planet\\_17.1\\_french.pdf](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/>

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