

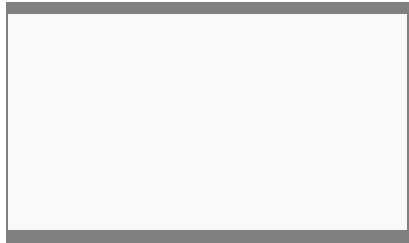


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17 June World Day to Combat Desertification

The 2008 theme of the Day is Combating Land Degradation for Sustainable Agriculture. Country Parties, international and non-governmental organizations are invited to organize events to celebrate the World Day to Combat Desertification as an additional opportunity to increase awareness and participation in the implementation process. [more..](#)

UNCCD towards new decade

Developed as a result of the Rio Summit, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is a unique instrument that has brought attention to land degradation in the drylands where exist some of the most vulnerable ecosystems and people in the world. Ten years after its coming into force, the UNCCD operates today in an environment that has evolved considerably since when it was first negotiated [more..](#)



High-level Policy Dialogue

The High-level Policy Dialogue took place on 27 May 2008 in Bonn, Germany. High rank officials met to identify conditions required and political commitment necessary for the implementation of the Ten-Strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention in the context of current global emerging issue [more..](#)

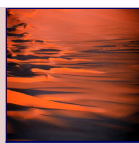


UN Secretary-General Meets UNCCD Executive Secretary

During the meeting the Secretary-General underlined the importance of the Convention as "a powerful tool to address land degradation" and pledged his support to advocate for the UNCCD whenever needed, in particular in this juncture of current climate change debate [more..](#)



Interview with Luc Gnacadja following the Secretariat/GM visit to the President of the African Development Bank. [more..](#)



The beauty of the Deserts the challenge of Desertification. Deserts of the Earth by Michael Martin [more..](#)

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The UNCCD Executive Secretary made a commentary statement during Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV), 28 to 30 May 2008 **more..**

Statement by the UNCCD Executive Secretary on the occasion of the World Meteorological Day, 23 March 2008 **more..**

OSS - 3rd General Assembly and 10th Executive Board meeting Tripoli, Lybia 29 - 31 March 2008 **more..**

Development of Rural Livelihoods in Semi-Arid Africa Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 29-30 April 2008 **more..**

iSeek interviews Mr. Luc Gnacadja. Mr. Gnacadja pointed out the extent of the desertification problem worldwide, **more..**

CSD-16 Regional Preparation:
» Beijing International Conference on Combating Desertification, Beijing, China, 22-24 January 2008. **more..**



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Desert nights: Tales from the desert.
International Film Festival, Rome, 1-7 December 2006. **more..**