

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification  
Performance Review and Assessment of Implementation System  
Fifth reporting cycle, 2014-2015 leg

# Report from LATVIA as affected country Party



July 25, 2014

# Contents

## I. Performance indicators

### A. Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Indicator CONS-O-1

Indicator CONS-O-3

Indicator CONS-O-4

### B. Operational objective 2: Policy framework

Indicator CONS-O-5

Indicator CONS-O-7

### C. Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

Indicator CONS-O-8

Indicator CONS-O-10

### D. Operational objective 4: Capacity-building

Indicator CONS-O-13

### E. Operational objective 5: Financing and technology transfer

Indicator CONS-O-14

Indicator CONS-O-16

Indicator CONS-O-18

## II. Financial flows

Unified Financial Annex

## III. Additional information

## IV. Submission

## Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

## CONS-O-1

Number and size of information events organized on the subject of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity, and audience reached by media addressing DLDD and DLDD synergies

## Global target

Percentage of population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30 %

2018

## National contribution to the global target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

## Voluntary national target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

%

Year

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

The issues of soil protection and land degradation, climate change and biodiversity are included in several policy documents e.g. Environmental Policy Strategy, Land Policy Guidelines, Latvian Rural Development Programme.

## Information events

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	3	300
2013	3	300
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

## Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	0	0
2013	0	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

## Sources of information

<http://www.llu.lv/llu-raksti?ri=827> (in Latvian)

<http://www.geo.lu.lv/petnieciba/lukonferences/lugzzfzinatniskokonferencutezukrajumi/> (in Latvian)

<http://du.lv/lv/zinatne> (in Latvian)

## Qualitative assessment

Does your country have a national communication strategy addressing DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity in place?

Yes No 

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Strategy, activities relating to the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, etc.):

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education



## Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

## CONS-O-3

Number of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) participating in the Convention processes

## Global target

A steady growth in the participation of CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy.

National contribution to global target: number of CSOs and STIs involved in DLDD-related programmes/projects

Year	Number of civil society organizations	Number of science and technology institutions
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	4	6
2013	4	6
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs the CSOs and STIs

Latvian Fund for Nature ( <a href="http://www.lfd.lv/">http://www.lfd.lv/</a> )
Pasaules dabas fonds ( <a href="http://www.pdf.lv/">http://www.pdf.lv/</a> )
Vides izglitotāju asociācija ( <a href="http://www.vi.lv/">http://www.vi.lv/</a> )
Fondation for environmental education ( <a href="http://www.videsfonds.lv/lv/">http://www.videsfonds.lv/lv/</a> )
University of Latvia, Faculty of Geography and Earth Sciences ( <a href="http://www.lu.lv/fakultates/geografijas-u">http://www.lu.lv/fakultates/geografijas-u</a> )
Latvia University of Agriculture, Faculty of Rural Engineering ( <a href="http://eng.llu.lv/">http://eng.llu.lv/</a> )
Latvia University of Agriculture, Institute of Plant and Soil Sciences ( <a href="http://www2.llu.lv/homepg/lf/aa_zi">http://www2.llu.lv/homepg/lf/aa_zi</a> )
Institute of Biology, University of Latvia ( <a href="http://www.lubi.edu.lv/">http://www.lubi.edu.lv/</a> )
Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava" ( <a href="http://www.silava.lv/sakums.aspx">http://www.silava.lv/sakums.aspx</a> )
Daugavpils University ( <a href="http://du.lv/lv/fakultates/dmf">http://du.lv/lv/fakultates/dmf</a> )

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of CSOs and STIs participating in the Convention process at national level, per biennium

%

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

No target is established

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in DLDD-related programmes and projects?

Yes

No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes.

### Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

In Latvia, there are several non-governmental organizations that are developing and participating in projects that are directly or indirectly related to prevention of land degradation and soil conservation. Also several universities and research institutes are working in the field of soil science and sustainable land management.

## Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

## CONS-O-4

Number and type of DLDD-related initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) in the field of education

## Global target

A steady growth in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy

National contribution to the global target: number of DLDD-related initiatives implemented by CSOs and STIs in the field of education

Year	Number of CSOs initiatives	Number of STIs initiatives
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	4	3
2013	4	3
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Latvian Fund for Nature ( <a href="http://www.lfd.lv/">http://www.lfd.lv/</a> )
University of Latvia ( <a href="http://www.augsne.lu.lv/">http://www.augsne.lu.lv/</a> )
Latvia University of Agriculture, Institute of Plant and Soil Sciences ( <a href="http://www2.llu.lv/homepg/lf/aa_zi">http://www2.llu.lv/homepg/lf/aa_zi</a> )
Latvia University of Agriculture, Faculty of Rural Engineering ( <a href="http://eng.llu.lv/">http://eng.llu.lv/</a> )

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium

%

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

No target is established

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives in the education sector implemented by CSOs and STIs?

Yes

No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education.

1. Currently (from 2013 to 2015) a project "Interdisciplinary group of young researchers involved in studies of the soil quality, assessment of potential use and reclamation in Latvia" is being implemented by University of Latvia. The project is not implemented under the framework of Convention, however, since the young researchers are involved in solving currently actual scientific problems related to land use and protection, it is considered as an important project at national level.  
(source of information - (<http://www.augsne.lu.lv/> - in Latvian)

2. Project „Adaptation to the climate change” (from 2014 to 2015, implemented by University of Latvia, Latvia University of Agriculture and Latvian State Forest Research Institute “Silava ) includes two activities:

- 1). Assessment of soil carbon in the arable lands and perennial grasslands;
- 2). Facilitation of sustainable land use by creating a digitized soil information database.

This Project also is not implemented within the framework of Convention, but it is an important project at national level.

In the study programmes of the three leading universities of Latvia courses of soil science are incorporated:

1. University of Latvia (<http://www.lu.lv/fakultates/geografijas-un-zemes-zinatnu-fakultate/> - in Latvian);
2. Latvia University of Agriculture ([http://www2.llu.lv/homepg/lf/aa\\_zin\\_inst/](http://www2.llu.lv/homepg/lf/aa_zin_inst/) - in Latvian);

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

3. Daugavpils University (<http://du.lv/lv/fakultates/dmf> - in Latvian)

In 2012, a doctoral thesis on the diversity of forest soils and the factors affecting them in was defended (<http://www.lu.lv/zinas/t/11538/> - in Latvian).



**CONS-0-5** Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have finalized the formulation/revision of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs) aligned to The Strategy, taking into account biophysical and socio-economic information, national planning and policies, and integration into investment frameworks

**Global target** Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities that have formulated/ revised a NAP/SRAP/RAP aligned to The Strategy **≥ 80 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have a NAP aligned to the Strategy? Yes  No

Qualitative assessment

Is your NAP being implemented? Yes  No

Please answer the following two questions only if your country has not aligned the NAP to the Strategy

Voluntary national target

When do you plan to align your NAP to the Strategy? 2014-2015   
2016-2017   
2018-2019   
No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., national circumstances affecting the NAP alignment and implementation process)

National Action Plan (NAP) – Programme for the land degradation prevention 2008-2012 was prepared before 2008 but wasn't implemented. It is planning to update the NAP until 2016.

Sources of information

Environmental Policy Strategy (<http://polsis.mk.gov.lv/view.do?id=4711> - available in Latvian only)

## CONS-O-7

Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels

## Global target

Each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions

2014

## National contribution to the global target

Was your country implementing joint planning/programming initiatives for the three Rio conventions in the current reporting period?

Yes Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions No 

Were there any operational mechanisms that facilitated joint implementation of the three Rio Conventions during the current reporting period?

Yes Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions No 

Please answer the following questions if your country does not have such initiatives or mechanisms in place

## Voluntary national target

Does your country plan to implement joint planning/programming and when?

2014-2015 2016-2017 2018-2019 No Plan Yet 

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Please answer the following questions if your country has such initiatives or mechanisms in place

## Qualitative assessment

If your country has mechanisms for joint implementation, specify the type of mechanism(s):

Regular meetings between focal points and focal point teams of the Rio conventions

A national coordinating committee for the implementation of the Rio conventions

National coordination on synergies in reporting under the Rio conventions

Other (please describe below):

At the national level, there are no planning documents which would unify the three Rio conventions and their synergies. Problems related to climate change, biodiversity and land degradation are incorporated into other policy planning documents such as Environmental Policy Strategy and Rural Development Programme.

Provide any complementary information as needed:

Environmental Policy Strategy (<http://polsis.mk.gov.lv/view.do?id=4711> - available in Latvian only)

Latvian Rural Development Programme (<https://www.zm.gov.lv/zemkopibas-ministrija/statiskas-lapas/>)

## Sources of information



## CONS-0-8

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have established and supported a national/subregional/regional monitoring system for DLDD

## Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD

≥ 60 %

2018

## National contribution to the global target

Is a monitoring system specifically dedicated to DLDD established in your country?

Yes No 

Please answer the following questions if your country has not established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD by the end of the current reporting period

## Voluntary national target

When does your country plan to establish and support a national monitoring system for DLDD?

2014-2015 2016-2017 2018-2019 No Plan Yet 

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

## Sources of information

  
  


## Qualitative assessment

Does your country have a monitoring system partially covering DLDD?

Yes No 

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, how the system is being supported, etc.):

National Environmental Monitoring Programme, includes five sub-programmes: Air monitoring programme, Water monitoring programme, Land monitoring programme, Biodiversity monitoring programme and Forest monitoring programme. Land monitoring programme includes:

1. Land cover monitoring;
2. Soil monitoring;
3. Monitoring of present-day geological processes;
4. Seismic monitoring.

(Source of information - <http://www.varam.gov.lv/lat/pol/ppd/vide/?doc=17913> - in Latvian)  
As in Latvia, comparing with other ACP countries, the DLDD is not so actual problem, the individual monitoring is not performed.

## Knowledge-sharing systems

List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system in your country, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system:

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development

Internet link:

[http://www.varam.gov.lv/lat/likumdosana/starptautiskie\\_li](http://www.varam.gov.lv/lat/likumdosana/starptautiskie_li)

Estimated number of users per year:

Name of the system:

Ministry of Agriculture

Internet link:

<https://www.zm.gov.lv/>

Estimated number of users per year:

Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

Name of the system:	Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.lvgmc.lv/en/">http://www.lvgmc.lv/en/</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	
Name of the system:	State Plant Protection Service
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.vaad.gov.lv/english.aspx">http://www.vaad.gov.lv/english.aspx</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	
Name of the system:	Latvian Geospatial Information Agency
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.lgia.gov.lv/en/Par%20mums.aspx">http://www.lgia.gov.lv/en/Par%20mums.aspx</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	
Name of the system:	State land service
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.vzd.gov.lv/en/">http://www.vzd.gov.lv/en/</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	
Name of the system:	Nature conservation agency
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.daba.gov.lv/public/lat/">http://www.daba.gov.lv/public/lat/</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	
Name of the system:	Latvian Rural advisory and training centre
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.llkc.lv/">http://www.llkc.lv/</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	
Name of the system:	Latvian Environmental Protection Fund
Internet link:	<a href="http://www.lvaf.gov.lv/english.asp?lang=eng">http://www.lvaf.gov.lv/english.asp?lang=eng</a>
Estimated number of users per year:	

**CONS-0-10**

Number of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs reflecting knowledge of DLDD drivers and their interactions, and of the interaction of DLDD with climate change and biodiversity

**Global target**

Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.

≥ 70 %

2018

## CONS-O-13

Number of countries, subregional and regional reporting entities engaged in building capacity to combat DLDD on the basis of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) or other methodologies and instruments

## Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that implement DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

≥ 90 %

## National contribution to the global target

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed

In the study programmes of the three leading universities of Latvia courses of soil science are incorporated:  
 1. University of Latvia;  
 2. Latvia University of Agriculture;  
 3. Daugavpils University;  
 In 2012, a doctoral thesis on the diversity of forest soils and the factors affecting them in was defended.

## Sources of information

<http://www.lu.lv/fakultates/geografijas-un-zemes-zinatnu-fakultate/> (in Latvian)

[http://www2.ltu.lv/homepg/lf/aa\\_zin\\_inst/](http://www2.ltu.lv/homepg/lf/aa_zin_inst/) (in Latvian)

<http://du.lv/lv/fakultates/dmf> (in Latvian)

<http://www.lu.lv/zinas/t/11538/> (in Latvian)

## Qualitative assessment

Has your country assessed DLDD-related capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Did your country receive technical and/or financial assistance to build capacities to combat DLDD?

Yes

No

**CONS-O-14**

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities whose investment frameworks, established within the integrated financing strategy (IFS) devised by the Global Mechanism (GM) or within other IFSs, reflect leveraging national, bilateral and multilateral resources to combat DLDD

**Global target**

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have developed integrated investment frameworks (IIFs)

≥ 50 %

2014

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have an integrated investment framework?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g. is the IIF based on the NAP; non-traditional and innovative financing targeted by the IIF; overview of the progress in implementing the IIF in your country; assistance received in the development or implementation of the IIF from the GM or other development partners, etc.)

Over the reporting period, funding from Global Environment Facility (GEF) was not received and used. The farmers can apply for single-area payments if they keep agricultural land in good agricultural and environmental conditions. These payments are paid from European Union funding and state budget.

Sources of information

The Rural Support Service (<http://www.lad.gov.lv/en/about-us/general-information/>)

Please answer the following questions only if your country has not developed an IIF by the end of the reporting period

Voluntary national target

When does your country plan to establish an IIF?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?



**CONS-O-16**

Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by developed country Parties to combat DLDD

Rating of the bilateral assistance received for the implementation of the Convention and its Strategy during the reporting period

Adequacy of bilateral assistance received	Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>		
Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>		
Predictability of bilateral assistance received	Predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provide any complementary information (e.g., additional information on other aspects beyond those mentioned above which impact proper planning and effective implementation of the Convention in your country, etc.)

Qualitative assessment

Did your country receive assistance in raising resources from bilateral donors?      Yes       No

**CONS-O-18**

Amount of financial resources and type of incentives which have enabled access to technology by affected country Parties

**Global target**

A steady growth in the financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by affected country Parties is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

A steady growth in the number of economic and policy incentives reported upon is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

National contribution to the target: estimated amount of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012		
2013		
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Has your country established economic and policy incentives intended to facilitate access to technology? Yes  No

Sources of information

Voluntary national target

Percentage increase of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by a given year %  Year

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

No particular national voluntary target has been established in this regard.

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., a short overview of specific aspects and the nature of technology transfer in your country, aspects in which there is a need to increase the level of technology transfer, etc.)

Mechanism to report this indicator is under development.

Identification

Identification code

Enter the Identification Code (ID), number or acronym given to the activity funded (if known)

Name of the activity  
funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative

## Reporting process-related issues

## Financial resources

Could your country count on sufficient financial resources to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No 

Provide an estimate of the amount invested from your country's national budget into the current UNCCD reporting process

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	EUR - Euro	3040
2013	EUR - Euro	3800
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

## Human resources

Provide an estimate of the people involved in your country in the UNCCD reporting process, and of the total number of months dedicated by these persons to the reporting process

Year	Number of people	Number of months
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	2	2
2013	2	2
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

## Knowledge

Could your country count on sufficient technical and scientific knowledge to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No 

## Coordination

Was coordination at the national level with the relevant line ministries satisfactory in order to report comprehensively and coherently?

Yes No 

## Participation and consultation

Was a participatory or consultative approach applied to involve all relevant stakeholders in the reporting process?

Yes No 

## Validation

Was a validation meeting held as a part of the reporting process?

Yes No 

## Subregional and regional processes

Did your country cooperate with the entities entrusted with preparing the subregional and regional action programme reports?

Yes No

Accommodation of specific requests within decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties

Reporting on specific COP requests: iterative process on indicators

Tick the boxes only if you have experienced difficulties in reporting on one or more performance indicator(s). When doing so, place the tick mark under the e-SMART criterion for which the difficulty occurred.

	Economic	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Relevant	Time-bound
CONS-0-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other country-specific issues

Does your country have any specific issue to bring to the attention of the Conference of the Parties? Yes  No

If yes, please specify under which of the following broad categories it can be classified

- Policy, legislative and/or institutional framework
- Capacity-building and awareness-raising
- Desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
- Funding/resource mobilization
- Knowledge management and decision-making support
- Participation, collaboration and networking
- Reporting and review process
- Other

Please describe below:

Funding:  
 Latvia became a party to the United Nations Convention to Combat (Convention) Desertification on January 19, 2003, with particular concern to Annex V. As an affected country party of Convention Latvia has received funding from UNDP/GEF for two projects related to implementation of the Convention:  
 1. Building Sustainable Capacity and Ownership to Implement UNCCD objectives in Latvia (during 2005-2007),  
 2. Latvia National Capacity Self-assessment in Field of Biodiversity, Climate Change and Soil Degradation (during 2003-2004).

## Submission form

Name of the reporting officer	Kristine Purina
Date of completion	24/07/2014
Please enter your email address to authorize this submission	kristine.purina@varam.gov.lv
Name of the authorizing officer	Daina Ozola
Date of authorization	25/07/2014
Please enter your email address to authorize this submission	daina.ozola@varam.gov.lv