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# Report from Sierra Leone as affected country Party



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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

20

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

**Voluntary national target**

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

20

%

Year

2014

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?

**Information events**

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	668	590000
2013	834	1180000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

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

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	668	590000
2013	834	1180000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

**Sources of information**

- Environment Protection Agency-Sierra Leone
- Climate Change Secretariat
- Ministry of Water Resources
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security - IFAD
- Ministry of Lands, Country Planning and the Environment
- Ministry of Transport and Aviation

**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

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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.):

There is a need to source funding for development of a communication strategy to address DLDDD comprehensive implementation of UNCCD

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	3	2
2013	7	2
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

Green Future-sierra Leone (SL)
Green Scenery
Environmental foundation for Africa EPA
Conservation Society of Sierra Leone
Friends of the Earth
Njala University
University of sierra Leone
Environmental Forum for Action
Conservation Alliance

Voluntary national target

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

40

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

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.

The Ministry of Lands, Country Planning and the Environment is encouraging CSOs and STIs to undertake activities / projects related to DLDD. The Ministry is liaising with the GEF Small Grants Programme to issue grants to CSOs and STIs coming up with DLDD-related programmes and projects initiatives. The Ministry continues to give technical support and advice of policy issues to the CSOs and STIs on DLDD related issues.

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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	14	3
2013	17	5
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

UNCCD Focal Point
EPA-SL
GEF Small Grants Programme

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium	%	29
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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

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.

One of the outcomes of the recently concluded GEF Medium Size Projects is mainstreaming of SLM into laws, schools and college /university curricula, and Njala University particularly is currently doing this. The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology is also encouraging schools and colleges to incorporate SLM, biodiversity, climate change and land degradation concepts into their curricula. Several primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities have established nature clubs to contribute to awareness raising and capacity building for SLM and nature resource management. Conservation Society of Sierra Leone has developed text books in English mathematics with contents covering topics on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Land Degradation.

**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 questions only if your country has aligned the NAP to the Strategy

Qualitative assessment

Has your country's NAP been integrated into national development planning and relevant sectoral and investment plans and policies? Yes  No

If yes, please specify the relevant sectoral and investment plans and policies:

The Draft 2013 Reformed National Land Policy  
Draft Water Policy  
Pillar II of the Agenda for Prosperity- Natural Resource Management  
NBSAP - National Biodiversity Strategy Action Programme  
National Ada[ptation Plan of Action to Climate Change (NAPA)  
Climate Change First, Second and Third National Communications

Has your aligned NAP been formally adopted? Yes  No

Qualitative assessment

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

Limited resources for both the alignment and implementation processes.

Sources of information

UNCCD Focal Point- Ministry of Lands, Country Planning and the Environment

Green Future Sierra Leone - National NGO

Njala University

**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 has such initiatives or mechanisms in place

**Qualitative assessment**

If your country has initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions, specify the type of joint initiative(s):

Evaluation of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies

Identification of national sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and cooperation

Review of national policies to enhance cooperation and synergies

Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacities and awareness of relevant stakeholders

Other (please describe below):

**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):

Meeting between focal points and focal point teams of the Rio Conventions are being held, although not regular as stated in the options above.

Provide any complementary information as needed:

**Sources of information**

Climate Change Secretariat - Sierra Leone

GEF Operational Focal Point



**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**

- UNCCD Focal Point
- Imprest Administrator RED++ Project MAFFS
- Ministry of agriculture forestry and Food Security
- UNFCCC Focal Point
- UNCBD Focal Point

**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.):

The Draft 2013 Land Reform Policy awaiting Cabinet approval and subsequent Parliamentary ratification

**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:	Sierra Leone Government Website
Internet link:	www.gov.sl
Estimated number of users per year:	1000000

**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

Please answer the following questions only if your country has aligned the NAP:

**National contribution to the global target**

Does your aligned NAP include a knowledge-based identification and analysis of biophysical and socio-economic drivers of DLDD, and of their interaction? Yes  No

Does your aligned NAP include a knowledge-based identification and analysis of the interaction between DLDD and climate change and biodiversity? Yes  No

**Sources of information**

We are currently in the process of aligning our NAP and the issues are being highly considered.

UNCCD Focal Person

**Qualitative assessment**

Does your aligned NAP assess the barriers to sustainable land management? Yes  No

If your aligned NAP assesses the barriers to sustainable land management, does it include recommendations for removing these barriers? Yes  No

Does your country have data and information available to report on the following progress indicators, currently included within the CBD and UNFCCC reporting processes:

- Trends in abundance and distribution of selected species: Yes  No

- Trends in carbon stock above and below ground: Yes  No

If your country has identified nationally/locally relevant biophysical and socio-economic indicators for monitoring the aligned NAP, please list such indicators below:

To measure and monitor changes in vegetation, forest products, soil, pasture and water bodies.

To monitor the rate of transboundary poaching.

To measure and monitor land use conflicts.

To monitor the involvement of NGOs and civil society in SLM issues.

To monitor the involvement of local councils in SLM issues

Development and implementation of bye-laws on indiscriminate land use practices.

To measure and monitor agricultural yield/production.

To measure and monitor the rate of malnutrition.

To measure and monitor the rate of poverty.

To monitor the rate of flooding and drought.

Provide any complementary information as needed:

**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

**Sources of information**

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security

Meteorology Department, Ministry of Transport and Aviation

Ministry of Lands, Country Planning and the Environment

Environment Protection Agency

**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.)

GEF Medium Sized Project on Sustainable Land Management and the GEF Small Grants Programme implemented by UNDP in Sierra Leone supporting the Three Rio Conventions by funding innovative small scale projects that are responding to the Global Targets in Sierra Leone.

**Sources of information**

UNDP Sierra Leone Office

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Not adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly timely	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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	SLL - Leone	0
2013	SLL - Leone	0
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?

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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.)

Sierra Leone requires a series of satellite imagery to facilitate the mapping of the extents of degraded land. At the moment, there is no reliable data on the actual extent of land that has been degraded. The country has the human resource to use satellite imagery, image processing software such as ENVIGIS to undertake this task. UNCCD Focal Point has direct access to GIS and Remote Sensing professionals in-country, who are capable of understanding this task. the problem is the non-availability of such satellite imagery and software. The country will definitely require these technologies to facilitate the mapping of the extents of degraded land.

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		
2013	SLL - Leone	210000000
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		
2013	56275	6
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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 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:

Sierra Leone requires assistance in the area of Capacity-building and awareness-raising on Desertification/land degradation and sustainable land management monitoring. A medium-sized pilot project on capacity-building for SLM was funded by UNDP/GEF between 2009 and 2012; which needs to be replicated nationwide with adequate funds and resources. there are yet minimal allocations from our national Government for this.

We also require full participation in all UNCCD activities worldwide in order to foster more collaboration and networking with the international community on DLDD issues.

## Submission form

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