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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

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2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

Information events

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	75	28210
2013	63	24915
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	98	
2013	45	
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

The data for CONS-O-1 were collected with questionnaires which were sent out to 14 core CSOs

For STIs, i.a. DesertNet International network members from Germany were contacted with questionnaire as well as institutions mentioned by the respondents. 20 institutes responded to the questionnaire.

Further information on events, relevant publications and web pages were extracted from an internal workshop and existing internal data bases.

The internet was screened for newspaper articles, TV and radio broadcasts and relevant web pages with a list of DLDD keywords. For one website we have the actual no. of visitors.

Slide presentations with regard to DLDD, presented by a highly reputable photographer, were included.

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

The theme of desertification is consistently present in German secondary schools. There is also a wide range of information accessible in media. However, a percentage in terms of informed population of Germany cannot be estimated. There is also a problem of double counting for the estimated no. of people reached by media. For example: It is possible that some people listen to more than one radio broadcast or watch another TV documentation on DLDD. These ones would be double counted and distort the actual number. Further arguments for leaving two fields blank are listed in the annex.

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	6	15
2013	6	17
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

German World Hunger Aid
League for Pastoral peoples
Desertnet
BIMUN/SINUB e.V.
Scientific Advisory Council of the Federal Government on Global Change (WBGU)
Department for Environmental Planning, Leibniz University Hannover
University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart
Klimahaus Bremerhaven 8° Ost
FH Köln
Department for soil sciences, University Hamburg
Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Leipzig
German Institute for Development Policy
University of Heidelberg
Free University Berlin
Centre for Development Research, University Bonn
Centre for Environmental Research and Sustainable Technologies, University Bremen
Technical University, Munich
Department for Rural policy and Market Research, University Giessen
Märkisches Institut für Technologie- und Innovationsförderung
Department of Agriculture, University of Bonn
Institute for Socio-Ecological Sciences ISOE
Engagement Global
Oxfam Germany/Luxembourg

Qualitative assessment

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

Yes

No

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Provide a short description of actions taken at the international level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes or any other complementary information.

- Financial support to work of DesertNet and other scientific networks.
- Financial support to the ELD initiative including the participation of NGOs and STIs.
- Support to desertification research via BMBF and others
- Systematic cooperation with CSOs in partner countries although their number cannot be monitored within this reporting process.
- Contribution to the Global Soil Week, a conference where stakeholders from policy, research, private and NGO sector interact regarding i.a. DLDD relevant topics.

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-0-4

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	3	27
2013	7	32
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

- 14 core CSOs of which 6 responded to the questionnaire
- For STIs the DesertNet International network members from Germany were contacted with questionnaires as well as institutions mentioned by the respondents.
- 17 scientific institutes responded to the questionnaire with DLDD-relevant information.
- PhD programmes in regard to DLDD were counted as education initiatives.
- There are no standardized means to monitor the total number of events
- Answers are related to education activities in CSOs and STIs in and for Germany.
- CSOs offer non-formal education such as weekend symposia evening lectures and others on irregular and decentralised basis.

Qualitative assessment

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

Yes

No

Provide a short description of actions taken at development assistance level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education or any other complementary information.

CONS-O-6

Number of partnership agreements established within the framework of the Convention between developed country Parties/United Nations and IGOs and affected country Parties

Global target

Active UNCCD-related partnership agreements in each affected country Party

≥ 2

2014

National contribution to the global target: number of partnership agreements with affected country Parties under implementation during the reporting period

Year	Number of partnership agreements
2008	
2009	
2010	
2011	
2012	
2013	
2014	
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	

Qualitative assessment

List the partnership agreement(s) concluded by your country in the reporting period and the beneficiary affected country(ies) and/or subregion(s) and region(s) (add as many rows as necessary):

Partnership Agreement:

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Beneficiary:

Category	Location

Is your country planning one or more partnership agreement(s) with one or more affected country Party(ies)?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., support received by Convention-related institutions, major difficulties experienced in the conclusion of partnership agreements, relation to integrated investment frameworks, etc.)

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Sources of information

All projects funded by Germany are based on partnership agreements.
Therefore this number is equal to the number of projects in the UFA which will be submitted later

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

Year	Number of synergistic planning/programming	Number of mechanisms for joint implementation
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	3	0
2013	3	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Qualitative assessment

List the initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation that have received the technical and/or financial support of your country during the reporting period, and the beneficiary affected country(ies) and/or subregion(s) and region(s) (add as many rows as necessary):

Initiative or Mechanism:

Integration to Sustainable Land Management and Desertification in development planning and public bu

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	Peru

Initiative or Mechanism:

Environmental Program

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	Tunisia

Initiative or Mechanism:

Regional Program on Sustainable Use of Natural Resources in Central Asia

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Subregion	Central Asia

Is your country planning to provide support to one or more affected country Party(ies) and/or subregion(s)/region(s) for the implementation of synergistic instruments?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., description of synergistic instruments implemented by your country, support received by Convention-related institutions, major difficulties experienced in the establishment of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, etc.)

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Please answer the following questions only if your country supported the implementation of one or more synergistic instrument(s) in affected country(ies) during the reporting period

Qualitative assessment

If your country has supported 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):

If your country has supported 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):

Sources of information

There might be more projects funded by Germany that include synergistic planning in 2012/2013.
These will be added when the UFA is completed

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: number of monitoring systems established in affected country Parties and/or subregions/regions with the technical and/or financial support of your country

Year	Monitoring systems specifically dedicated to DLDD	Monitoring systems partially covering DLDD
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	2	3
2013	2	4
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

partially: EOS Network: Integrated Earth Observation System: MODIS, MERIS, CHRIS-PROBA, EnMap
specific: Center for Remote Sensing of Land Surfaces, University of Bonn: MODIS NDVI, MERIS

Please answer the following question only if your country has supported one or more monitoring system(s)

Qualitative assessment

List the monitoring system(s) technically and/or financially supported by your country during the reporting period and the beneficiary affected country(ies) and/or subregion(s) and region(s) (add as many rows as necessary):

Monitoring system:

MODIS NDVI

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Subregion	Central Asia

Monitoring system:

MERIS

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Subregion	Central Asia

Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

Monitoring system:

MODIS

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Global	

Monitoring system:

MERIS time series

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Global	

Monitoring system:

CHRIS-PROBA

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Global	

Monitoring system:

EnMap

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Global	

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, etc.)

There is no central source of information available which could help to identify the content of such M&E systems. These results derive from internet research.

Knowledge-sharing systems

List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system technically and/or financially supported by your country during the reporting period, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system:

Agriwaterpedia

Internet link:

www.agriwaterpedia.info

Estimated number of users per year:

Name of the system:

Methodfinder

Internet link:

www.methodfinder.de

Estimated number of users per year:

CONS-0-13

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 supporting DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

Sources of information

The project list in the UFA corresponds to this question because ALL projects/ programmes funded by

Germany include capacity-building plans.

Please answer the following question only if your country has supported the implementation of DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

Qualitative assessment

List the DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects technically and/or financially supported by your country during the reporting period and the beneficiary affected country(ies) and/or subregion(s) and region(s) (add as many rows as necessary):

Capacity-building plans or programmes/projects:

please refer to the UFA which will be submitted later

Beneficiary:

Category	Location

Is your country planning to provide support to one or more affected country Party(ies) and/or subregion(s)/region(s) for the implementation of DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects?

Yes

No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed (e.g., plans for future support, major difficulties experienced, etc.)

Three global initiatives are in the process of planning:

- Soil protection and rehabilitation of degraded soils
- Food Security and Strengthening of Resilience
- Green Innovation Centres in Agricultural Systems

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

Has your country supported the development of one or more integrated investment frameworks?

Yes

No

Sources of information

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	EUR - Euro	20000
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	10	4
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

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-14	<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

Submission form

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