

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
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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

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

Information events

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	0	0
2013	0	0
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

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

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
2013		4
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

University of the Aegean
Agricultural University of Athens
National and Kapodistrian university of Athens
National Technical University of Athens

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 international level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes or any other complementary information.

An effort is underway to restructure the funding framework for CSOs, by amending national laws. STIs utilize the funding opportunities provided by the E.U. to undertake projects and research initiatives on cross cutting fields, including DLDD.

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	0	1
2013	0	1
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs-Institute of Educational Policy (formerly Pedagogical Institute)

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.

Under national law, Environmental Education is a compulsory part of the programs of both the primary and the secondary education systems. The purpose of the Environmental Education is to make pupils aware of the relationship between people and the natural and social environment, be aware of the problems associated with it and engage with specific programs in order to contribute to the overall effort to address them. The topics of Environmental Education stem from the need to protect the natural, historical and social environment, viewing critical issues in accordance with local, national and global priorities, as expressed at the Rio Summit, including of course land and water related issues. Environmental Education is carried out in schools as well as in the 48 Environmental Education Centers throughout the country. Efforts to increase activities for DLDD related issues in the field of education have been partly integrated into the national educational policy.

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	0
2013	0
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

CONS-0-7

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	0	0
2013	0	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:

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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 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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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: 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	0	0
2013	0	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

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:

LEDDRiS - Land and Ecosystem Degradation and Desertification

Internet link:

<http://leddra.aegean.gr/index.htm>

Estimated number of users per year:

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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

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)

FP7-ENV-2009-1 SICA Grant Agreement No. 243857

Name of the activity funded

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

LEDDRA

Basic data

Recipient country, subregion and region

Enter the name of the country(ies), subregion(s) or region(s) in which the activity is taking place or is due to take place. Indicate "global" if the activity is of global scale or has no specific geographical focus

Category	Location
Region	Northern Mediterranean
Region	Central and Eastern European
Country	China
Country	Morocco

Status

Indicate the status of the activity at the time of completing this form

Committed Proposal On-going Completed

Co-financing

Source	Currency	Amount
EU structural funds	EUR - Euro	3062040
Greek Partners	EUR - Euro	244360
Other National Partners	EUR - Euro	690943

Type of funding

Indicate the instruments used to finance the activity

- Grant
- Loan (commercial)
- Loan (concessional)
- Budget authority
- Debt swap/relief
- Basket funding
- Sectoral support
- Sovereign wealth fund
- Payments for Environmental Services (PES)
- Results based financing
- Equity
- Venture capital
- Remittances
- Derivatives
- Blended value products
- Impact investments
- Microcredit
- Bonds
- Insurance
- Mortgages/guarantees
- Advance market commitments
- Other (please describe below):

Classification

Rio Markers

Assign the appropriate Rio Marker for desertification to the funded activity
(tick only one of the boxes below)

- | | | | | |
|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| UNCCD | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| UNFCCC | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| CBD | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Relevant Activity Code
(RAC)

Indicate all the RACs that may apply to the funded activity

Knowledge Management

Research Information campaigns Advocacy/Mainstreaming Natural capital accounting Land degradation monitoring Reporting

Enabling Activities

Capacity building Governance and institutions Policies, strategies and regulations Economic valuation of land use/change options Incentives and market-based mechanisms Resource mobilization Development assistance

Land Degradation Prevention

Adaptation to climate change Natural resource conservation Enhancing ecosystem resilience Sustainable land and natural resource management Sustainable production Sustainable consumption

Restoration and recovery

Afforestation/reforestation for carbon sequestration Ecosystem rehabilitation Infrastructure reconstruction/rehabilitation Land restoration/reclamation Emergency response Relocation/rescue/relief operations Strategic and
operational objectives
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by the funded activityStrategic objective 1: living conditions of affected populations Strategic objective 2: condition of affected ecosystems Strategic objective 3: global benefits Strategic objective 4: resource mobilization and partnership building Operational objective 1: advocacy, awareness raising and education Operational objective 2: policy framework Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge Operational objective 4: capacity-building Operational objective 5: financing and technology transfer

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Identification

Identification code

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

LIFE08 ENV/IT/000428

Name of the activity funded

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

SoilPro - Monitoring for Soil Protection

Basic data

Recipient country, subregion and region

Enter the name of the country(ies), subregion(s) or region(s) in which the activity is taking place or is due to take place. Indicate "global" if the activity is of global scale or has no specific geographical focus

Category	Location
Country	Greece
Country	Italy

Status

Indicate the status of the activity at the time of completing this form

Committed

Proposal

On-going

Completed

Co-financing

Source	Currency	Amount
Eu Structural Funds	EUR - Euro	1450192
National Partners	EUR - Euro	722583

Type of funding

Indicate the instruments used to finance the activity

- Grant
- Loan (commercial)
- Loan (concessional)
- Budget authority
- Debt swap/relief
- Basket funding
- Sectoral support
- Sovereign wealth fund
- Payments for Environmental Services (PES)
- Results based financing
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- Insurance
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- Advance market commitments
- Other (please describe below):

Classification

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| UNCCD | | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| UNFCCC | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| CBD | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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Identification

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LIFE08 ENV/GR/000558

Name of the activity funded

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

The CALCHAS Project - An integrated analysis system for the effective fire conservancy of forests

Basic data

Recipient country, subregion and region

Enter the name of the country(ies), subregion(s) or region(s) in which the activity is taking place or is due to take place. Indicate "global" if the activity is of global scale or has no specific geographical focus

Category	Location
Country	Greece
Country	Cyprus

Status

Indicate the status of the activity at the time of completing this form

Committed

Proposal

On-going

Completed

Co-financing

Source	Currency	Amount
EU Structural Funds	EUR - Euro	1158803
National Partners	EUR - Euro	1178311

Type of funding

Indicate the instruments used to finance the activity

- Grant
- Loan (commercial)
- Loan (concessional)
- Budget authority
- Debt swap/relief
- Basket funding
- Sectoral support
- Sovereign wealth fund
- Payments for Environmental Services (PES)
- Results based financing
- Equity
- Venture capital
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- Advance market commitments
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| UNFCCC | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
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- Research
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- Land degradation monitoring
- Reporting

Enabling Activities

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- Governance and institutions
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- Development assistance

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- Enhancing ecosystem resilience
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- Sustainable production
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Restoration and recovery

- Afforestation/reforestation for carbon sequestration
- Ecosystem rehabilitation
- Infrastructure reconstruction/rehabilitation
- Land restoration/reclamation
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- Relocation/rescue/relief operations

Strategic and operational objectives targeted

Indicate which strategic and/or operational objective of the Strategy is addressed by the funded activity

- Strategic objective 1: living conditions of affected populations
- Strategic objective 2: condition of affected ecosystems
- Strategic objective 3: global benefits
- Strategic objective 4: resource mobilization and partnership building
- Operational objective 1: advocacy, awareness raising and education
- Operational objective 2: policy framework
- Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge
- Operational objective 4: capacity-building
- Operational objective 5: financing and technology transfer

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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	0
2013	EUR - Euro	0
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		
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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-0-6	<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-0-13	<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"/>

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:

Due to fiscal consolidation issues in the last few years, Greece hasn't launched any call of proposals, since 2010 in order to finance programs in developing countries, handled by HELENIC AID/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece. Most of the assistance was multilateral. Despite difficulties, in 2013 Greece has reached a level of 0.12% of Official Development Assistance (ODA)/GNI.

Submission form

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