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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	5	250
2013	4	200
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

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

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	3	22000
2013	3	25000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

**Sources of information**

- CASCADE project, Alterra Wageningen-UR (see Unified Financial Annex)
- DESIRE project, Alterra, Wageningen-UR, see also <http://www.desire-project.eu/>
- Publication in 2012 of the book 'Desire for Greener Land. Options for sustainable land management in drylands' (DESIRE and WAHARA projects)
- Both ENDS and partners: World Water Forum in Marseille: organisation of panel discussions and presentations on water management in drylands during the Drynet Day and other activities see below:

**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

Both ENDS and partners have been engaged in several information events in The Netherlands as well as abroad (in 2012 and 2013):

- World Water Forum in Marseille: organisation of panel discussions and presentations on water management in drylands during the Drynet Day.
- Rio+20 in New York, Rio de Janeiro: preparation and speaker in workshops on human rights, participation of local land users and management of natural resources
- EU EP hearing in Brussels: panelist on contribution of CSOs to sustainable use of soils and land
- Article for UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference on the role of CSOs in the implementation of the UNCCD
- Articles in (on-line) magazines Farming Matters, Vice Versa about the importance of local voices in policy discussions on sustainable land use and agriculture;
- UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference in Bonn that was combined with the CRIC11: preparation and speaker in special event on sustainable land use, sustainable agriculture and voice of local people in policy discussions
- UNCCD COP 11 in Windhoek: speaker on behalf of CSOs in plenary, organiser and speaker in side event on agro-ecology, organiser of media stunt about CSO astonishment on the acceptance of agribusiness as an observer to the UNCCD, speaker at the 2nd open dialogue session
- 2nd Global Soil Week in Berlin: preparation and facilitation of workshop on sustainable land management and soil engineering - integrating knowledge systems for sustainable land management
- Fertile Grounds Initiative in Wageningen: speaker at the round table on sustainable
- Articles in (on-line) magazine Joop about world food day, power of agribusiness and voice & sustainable land management practices of local people

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	20	10
2013	20	10
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

In the narrative version of the Unified Financial Annex information on the CSO and STIs involved in the projects can be found. Numbers are estimates
Especially via DRYNET (Both ENDS) and research projects on dryland management many organisations are involved, in the Netherlands and abroad (mentioned are only NL)

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.

N.A.
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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	0
2013	0	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

In activities funded by the Netherlands (see Unified Financial Annex) many activities are also geared towards education; however, no specific information on numbers of CSO and STI involved in education are known

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.

N.A.

**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.)

Many partnerships have been concluded and are ongoing, but they don't include necessarily directly the affected country parties (like TerrAfrica and Multi-Donor Trust funds)

**Sources of information**


**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:

Green Development Initiative V.C.A. (see Standard Unified Annex)

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Global	

Initiative or Mechanism:

Rwanda in the project Projet d'Appui à la Reforestation /PAREF II / BTC (see Unified Financial Annex)

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	Rwanda

Initiative or Mechanism:

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.)

The VCA Platform is an “effective area-based conservation measure” supporting the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity whilst contributing to combat land degradation in dry areas. (see details in UFA)

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

<a href="http://v-c-a.org/">http://v-c-a.org/</a> and the Unified Financial Annex

**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	3	0
2013	3	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

DESIRE project Harmonised Information System <a href="http://www.desire-his.eu/">http://www.desire-his.eu/</a>
providing local solutions to global sustainable land management problems
CSE Senegal had monitoring system on ecological changes in the country (Senegal)
CORDAID indicates for Kenya and Ethiopia the Climate Change network

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:

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Beneficiary:

Category	Location

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

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Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

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:

Harmonised Information System
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Internet link:

<a href="http://www.desire-his.eu/">http://www.desire-his.eu/</a>
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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**


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:

TERRAFRICA Leveraging Fund (TLF) with World Bank, EU and Norway (ongoing)
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Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Global	

Capacity-building plans or programmes/projects:

Rwanda in the project Projet d'Appui à la Reforestation /PAREF II / BTC (see Unified Financial Annex)
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Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	Rwanda

Capacity-building plans or programmes/projects:

CAADP Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme - MDTF
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Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Region	Africa

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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.)

In the pipeline: ICRAF support for the Sahel and Horn of Africa programme (to be concluded)

**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

Is a very specific question that does not relate to the funds within the project portfolio of NL

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	40000
2013		
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	35	3
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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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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