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UN 2023 Water Conference Side Event

Drought resilience: transforming water scarcity into prosperity pathways

23 Mar 2023, 2.00 pm

Conference Room 8, UNHQ, New York

Organized by:

The Governments of Spain, Senegal, Mauritania, the United States of America,
The World Meteorological Organization,
The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,
The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, and
The Nature Conservancy

Background on the event (one paragraph)

Collaborative approach is needed to address drought proactively at all levels, through holistic approaches that include early warning, prevention, response and ultimately building drought resilience. The role of empowering vulnerable populations in reducing vulnerability, enhancing resilience and disaster risk reduction needs to be emphasized.

Water Action Agenda (one paragraph, if possible, please include the link to your commitment in the [Water Action Agenda database](#))

UNCCD supports countries' aspirations to shift from reactive to [proactive drought management](#). In collaboration with other organizations such as FAO and WMO, UNCCD supports to create an enabling environment for the implementation of national drought plans, through the provision/application of tools and methodologies, facilitation of peer-to-peer learning and information sharing, empowered cooperation and partnership, the establishment of community-of-practices, policy alignment, and improved coordination, and better access to financing integrated drought management.

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- The importance of addressing the global challenges of water scarcity and drought
- The upcoming challenges and opportunities for drought management

- The current state of drought
- The development of International Drought Resilience Alliance (IDRA)
- Potential solutions to drought

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

- Enhance early warning and resilience, and support capacity building and knowledge transfer
- Promote the shifting of the focus to drought prevention and preparedness
- Support nature-based solutions for drought resilience
- Leverage indigenous peoples' knowledge and expertise
- Work with communities and develop and use local knowledge and good practice



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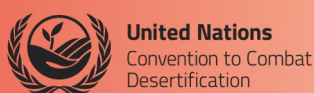
*Drought Resilience: Transforming Water
Scarcity Into Prosperity Pathways*

When:

23 March 2023 14:00 - 15:15

Where:

UN HQ, Conference Room 8



Invited Speakers

Panel 1

- H.E. Hugo Morán, Secretary of State for the Environment of Spain
- H.E. Serigne Mbaye Thiam, Minister of Water and Sanitation, Senegal
- H.E. Layla Kamara, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development of Mauritania
- Monica Medina, Assistant Secretary Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs Special Envoy for Biodiversity and Water Resources, USA

Moderator: Ibrahim Thiaw, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary, UNCCD

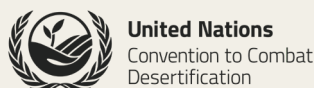
Panel 2

- Tom Iseman, Director of Water Scarcity and Drought Resilience, The Nature Conservancy
- Tanya Trujillo, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, USA
- Johan Stander, Director of Services, World Meteorological Organization
- David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Karine Measson, Head of Water Management Division, European Investment Bank

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This side event will feature the role of various actors to address drought proactively, across sectors and scales, putting a spotlight on options that are integrated and inclusive. The role of empowering vulnerable populations in reducing vulnerability, enhancing resilience and disaster risk reduction will be emphasized. Through a talk-show format, participants will make sense of the multi-faceted nature and interconnected approaches as well as the need for coordination, communication, and cooperation among countries, organisations, and platforms to accelerate the implementation of the water action agenda. The role of comprehensive proactive policies to identify solutions, minimizing cross-sectoral trade-offs and harnessing synergies will be highlighted.

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