

UNCCD COP16 side-event



Promoting a new system of scientific and societal knowledge: research, education and training for an effective and contextualized fight against land degradation

Saturday, December 7th
18:00 – 19:30
Blue zone – MET08

Cooperative research and education may play a critical role in raising a new generation of scientists equipped to combat desertification and drought. The universal nature of knowledge should encourage young scientists to realize their responsibility as global citizens. Research institutions and universities should promote an ethical approach to science, contextualizing specialized research within the wider issue of international solidarity.

By fostering collaboration across disciplines and borders, research efforts become scientifically robust and socially relevant. Research is essential in understanding the causes and impacts of land degradation, leading to effective strategies for mitigation. Education provides knowledge and skills needed to implement sustainable land management practices and advocate for environmental stewardship.

Integrating research and education bridges the gap between scientific knowledge and local needs, ensuring that solutions are tailored to specific environmental and socio-economic contexts. This integration also raises awareness of the broader social issues related to land degradation, such as gender inequality, land ownership, and the rights of local communities. By focusing on these cross-cutting issues, cooperative efforts in research and education empower marginalized groups and promote inclusive approaches to land management.

Scholarship and mentorship initiatives foster collaboration among researchers, research institutions, and local communities, creating a network of young, dynamic scientists committed to addressing the challenges of desertification and climate change.



The side event will be live streamed on:
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Speakers:

- Veena Balakrishnan, Founder, Youth Negotiators Academy
- Jean Luc Chotte, President, Comité Scientifique Français de la Désertification
- Tayebeh Mesbahzadeh, Associate Professor, University of Tehran, Member of the UNCCD Science-Policy Interface
- Ahmed Hassan Badal, Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Federal Government of Somalia
- Lindsay C. Stringer, Director, York Environmental Sustainability Institute, University of York
- Anna Luise, ISPRA, Italy UNCCD Technical and Scientific Correspondent

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