

World Day to Combat Desertification

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World day to combat Desertification and drought

In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 17th as the "World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought" to promote public awareness of the issue, and the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa. This day was proclaimed on January 30, 1995. Each annual celebration has a different theme, this year the theme is

Inclusive cooperation for achieving Land Degradation Neutrality

Theme and slogan

Inclusive cooperation among is a key for making Land Degradation Neutrality a fundamental solution.

The slogan: “Protect Earth. Restore Land. Engage People.” addresses the importance of comprehensive participation and cooperation in working towards achieving Land Degradation Neutrality.

What is desertification?

Desertification is a type of land degradation in which a relatively dry land region becomes increasingly arid, typically losing its bodies of water as well as vegetation and wildlife. It is caused by a variety of factors, such as climate change and human activities. Desertification is a significant global ecological and environmental problem.

What is Drought?

Drought is a deficiency in precipitation over an extended period, usually a season or more, resulting in a water shortage causing adverse impacts on vegetation, animals, and/or people.

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