

## Provisional schedule of Side Events at COP8 \*

### Monday, 03 September 2007

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>La desertificación en España: La pérdida de suelo fértil</b>	Presentation and Debate	Ecologistas en Acción, Spain	18:00
<b>La desertificación en España: Propuestas para el cambio</b>	Presentation	The World Wide Foundation/Adena	18:00

\* As at 29 August 2007 - The meeting room will be announced in the Official Journal of COP 8 the day before the event is scheduled.

**Tuesday, 04 September 2007**

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Success Stories in Combating Desertification in West Asia</b>	Workshop Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for West Asia</li> <li>- The Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands</li> </ul>	13:00
<b>Desertification: science, policymaking and the chain of users. Is there a straightforward path from science to end-users? Where are the turning points and crossroads?</b>	Presentation and Debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European DesertNet</li> <li>- Oasis: A global agricultural research for development partnership against desertification</li> </ul>	13:00
<b>The EU soil thematic strategy</b>	Presentation and Debate	The European Commission	13:00
<b>Learning from the Israeli Experience in Combating Desertification – Opportunities for Training in Desertification-Related Matters in Israel</b>	Presentation and Debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Blaustein Institute for Desert Research</li> <li>- The Israel Foreign Ministry</li> </ul>	13:00
<b>Reforming the GEF</b>	Presentation and Debate	The Global Environmental Facility	13:00
<b>The Global Mechanism at Country Level</b>	Presentation and Debate	The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD	13:00
<b>Achieving the 2010 biodiversity targets in dry and sub-humid lands – opportunities for synergies between the CBD and UNCCD</b>	Presentation and Debate	Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity	13:30

**Tuesday, 04 September 2007 (Cont.)**

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Centre on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought (CDDD) at Bonn University</b>	Presentation	University of Bonn in collaboration with the UNCCD	18:00

**Wednesday, 05 September 2007**

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Biofuel development in Drylands – panacea or empty promise? Taking stock - PART I</b>	Workshop	Gesellschaft fuer Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ-CCD Project)	13:00
<b>Sauvegarde et valorisation des oasis: quelles perspectives pour les écosystèmes et le développement</b>	Presentation and Debate	Centre d'Actions et de Réalisations Internationales	13:00
<b>Renforcer la capacité d'investissement des femmes dans la GRN: la Coalition Tchém'sou</b>	Presentation and Debate	The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD	13:00
<b>The challenge of sustainable dryland rehabilitation – Integrating technologies, institutions and policies through science</b>	Presentation and Debate	Desert*Net Germany e. V.	13:00

**Wednesday, 05 September 2007 (Cont.)**

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Mobilisation des financements pour la mise en oeuvre du PASR et des PAN en Afrique Centrale</b>	Presentation and Debate	Commission des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale	13:00
<b>Ecoturismo en áreas desérticas: actuaciones de la cooperación española</b>	Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional</li> <li>- Parque Nacional del Banc d'Arguin</li> <li>- Sociedad Española de Ornitología (SEO/Birdlife)</li> </ul>	13:00
<b>Earth Observation Technology to support the UNCCD: the Desertwatch Project</b>	Presentation and Debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European Space Agency</li> <li>- Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Turkey</li> <li>- National Coordinating Body of NAP, Portugal</li> <li>- Italian Ministry of Environment and National Committee to Combat Drought and Desertification</li> </ul>	13:00
<b>Drought Risk Reduction: Building Partnerships to Combat Desertification</b>	Presentation	UN – ISDR International Strategy for Disaster Reduction	18:00
<b>La Desertificación como arma de Guerra: el caso de Palestina</b>	Presentation	Asamblea de Cooperación por la Paz	18:00
<b>Sustainable Land Management: How Can Trade Help, not Hinder?</b>	Workshop	International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development	18:00

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<b>Los Planes Especiales de Sequía en España</b>	Presentation	- Ministerio de Medio Ambiente, - Secretaría General para el Territorio y la Biodiversidad, España	18:00
<b>El Plan Especial del Alto Guadiana como modelo de desertificación por sobreexplotación hídrica</b>	Presentation	The World Wide Foundation/Adena	18:00
<b>The Arabian Deserts: The everlasting Giving and the Threat of Desertification</b>	Documentary Film Show and Debate	- United Nations Environment Programme / Regional Office for West Asia - The Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands	18:00
<b>Developing capacities: NGO's and landusers mobilise local and scientific knowledge to combat desertification and adapt to climate change</b>	Presentation and Debate	- Both ENDS - Drynet project	18:00

Thursday, 06 September 2007

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Land Restoration for the Triple Benefits of: Poverty Alleviation, Climate Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change</b>	Presentation	- Government of Iceland, Office of the CCD Focal Point - United Nations Development Program, Environment and Energy Group	13:00
<b>GM and the North African Countries' experience in CCD implementation and resource mobilisation</b>	Presentation and Debate	The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD	13:00
<b>La cooperación española en áreas afectadas por desertificación</b>	Presentation	- Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional - Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y Cooperación, España	13:00
<b>Presentación de la Exposición Internacional Zaragoza 2008. Agua y Desarrollo sostenible</b>	Presentation	Sociedad EXPOAGUA Zaragoza 2008, S.A.	13:00
<b>La Grande Muraille Verte de l'espace CEN-SAD: de l'initiative au programme</b>	Presentation and Debate	- Communauté des Etats Sahélo-Saharien - Observatoire du Sahara et du Sahel	13:00
<b>Biofuel development in Drylands – panacea or empty promise? Standpoint and role of UNCCD Actors - PART II</b>	Workshop	Gesellschaft fuer Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ-CCD Project)	13:00
<b>World Development Report 2008: Agriculture for Development</b>	Presentation	The World Bank	13:30

**Thursday, 06 September 2007 (Cont.)**

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Los Planes de Acción de Lucha contra la Desertificación de las Comunidades Autónomas</b>	Presentation	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente, España	18:00
<b>Cambio Climático, Deuda Ecológica, desertificación y refugiados ambientales</b>	Debate	- Ecologistas en Acción, España - Comisión Española de Ayuda al Refugiado, (Fundación CEAR)	18:00
<b>La société civile sahéenne en lutte contre la désertification (Restitution de l'évaluation du projet IREMLCD CILSS)</b>	Presentation and Debate	Comité Permanent Inter Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans la Sahel	18:00
<b>Desertification, Climate Change and Droughts</b>	Presentation and Debate	European Society for Soil Conservation	18:00
<b>Como impedir los incendios forestales</b>	Presentation and Debate	Desaladora A.V.F., España	18:00

Friday, 07 September 2007

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Desertification and Migration</b>	Workshop	- United Nations University - Institute of Environment and Human Security	13:00
<b>Initiative francophone « Gestion durable des terres et forêts, dégradation des sols et désertification »</b>	Presentation	Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie	13:00
<b>EC Support to UNCCD Implementation</b>	Presentation and Debate	The European Commission	13:00
<b>Sand and Dust Storm Warning System for Europe, Africa and Middle East</b>	Presentation	- Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional - Observatorio atmosférico de Izaña	13:00
<b>Common Regional Cooperation within circum Saharan Africa</b>	Presentation and Debate	Observatoire du Sahara et du Sahel	13:00
<b>The South-South financing Partnership Platform; a CEN-SAD/GM partnership</b>	Presentation and Debate	- The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD - General Secretariat of the Community of Sahel-Saharan States	13:00

**Friday, 07 September 2007 (Cont.)**

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>L'agriculture de conservation, un moyen de lutter contre la désertification</b>	Presentation and Debate	- Agence française de développement - Fonds français pour l'environnement mondial	18:00

**Monday, 10 September 2007**

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Adaptation strategies and priorities for drylands – key findings from the IPCC 2007 Assessment Report</b>	Presentation	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	13:00
<b>Proyecto de restauración de habitat estepario en la Reserva Ornitológica de El Planerón (Belchite – España)</b>	Presentation	- Sociedad Española de Ornitología - Fundación Santander Central Hispano	13:00
<b>Pact: a world for children and adolescents in the Brazilian semi-arid region</b>	Debate	- Secretary of Extractivism and Rural Sustainable Development - Ministry of Environment, Brazil	13:00

**Monday, 10 September 2007 (Cont.)**

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Climate Change and Environmental Services Programme of the GM – How to channel climate change funding into UNCCED Implementation Activities and Outlook</b>	Presentation	The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD	13:00
<b>An experience of water resources and agroforestry management in Latin America</b>	Presentation	Integrated Water Resources Management by the Implementation of improved Agroforestry concepts in arid and semiarids areas in Latin America	13:30
<b>Overcoming desertification through customary decision making</b>	Presentation and Debate	The World Conservation Unit	13:30
<b>The potential of pastoralism for biodiversity conservation drylands</b>	Presentation	League for Pastoral Peoples and Endogenous Livestock Development	18:00
<b>Bio Diesel from Jatropha reaches Commercialization</b>	Presentation	Daimler Chrysler AG, Bayer Crop Science in collaboration with the UNCCD	18:00

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<b>EC support to scientific activities for UNCCD implementation</b>	Presentation and Debate	The European Commission	18:00
<b>Documental sobre Desertificación: La Mar del Silencio</b>	Documentary Film Show and Debate	Fundación Instituto de Promoción y Apoyo al Desarrollo	18:00
<b>Developing Markets for Dryland Products. GM-UNCTAD BioTrade initiative for enhancing SLM financing and synergies with biodiversity-related conventions</b>	Presentation	The Global Mechanism of the UNCCD	18:00

**Tuesday, 11 September 2007**

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Best implementation for combating land degradation in Turkey</b>	Presentation	Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Turkey	13:00
<b>TerrAfrica – A partnership in Motion</b>	Discussion	- TerrAfrica Secretariat - The World Bank	13:00

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Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Combating Land Degradation in Eritrea through Mass Mobilization</b>	Presentation	Ministry of Agriculture, Agricultural Promotion and Development, Eritrea	13:00
<b>Société civile: lutter contre la désertification ou lutter contre les cloisonnements, dans quelle voie investir?</b>	Presentation and Debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Centre d'Actions et de Réalisations Internationales</li> <li>- Groupe de travail de désertification</li> </ul>	13:00
<b>Implementation of the UNCCD in Vietnam: from government policies to grass root level initiatives achievements</b>	Presentation and Debate	National Office for the Implementation of the UNCCD, Vietnam	13:30
<b>Avances de la Estrategia Nacional Financiera de Guatemala</b>	Presentation	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Guatemala	13:30
<b>Cork and Holm Oak Forests – an effective barrier against desertification around the Mediterranean basin</b>	Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNAC – União da Floresta Mediterrânica, Portugal</li> <li>- Comissão Nacional do PANCD (National Coordinating Body of NAP to combat Desertification)</li> </ul>	18:00

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Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>Drylands' Hidden Wealth &amp; Integrating Dryland Ecosystem Services into National Development Planning</b>	Presentation and Debate	The World Conservation Union	18:00
<b>The role and importance of nomadic and trashumant pastoralists in the combat of desertification</b>	Presentation and Debate	Secretary of the World Gathering of Nomadic and Trashumant Pastoralists	18:00
<b>Strategic partnership for implementation of the SADC SRAP: outcomes of a regional forum</b>	Presentation and Debate	Southern African Development Community Secretariat, Botswana	18:00
<b>Dégradation des Terres : Réseau International sur les cout de l'inaction</b>	Presentation and Debate	Comité Scientifique de la desertification	18:00

**Wednesday, 12 September 2007**

Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>MERCOSUR strategy to combat desertification, land degradation and drought effects</b>	Presentation	- MERCOSUR - Ministerio de Vivienda, Ordenamiento Territorial y Medio Ambiente, Uruguay	13:00

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Full Title	Nature of the Event	Promoting Organisation	Schedule
<b>O Ordenamento e a Valorização das Bacias Hidrográficas como Instrumento de recuperação de solos degradados e de redução da Pobreza</b>	Presentation and Debate	- Ministerio do Ambiente e Agricultura, Cape Verde - Direcção Geral de Agricultura, Silvicultura e Pecuaria	13:00
<b>ITKNET : Data Bank and International Network of experts on traditional knowledge</b>	Presentation	IPOGEA	13:00
<b>South-South Cooperation between the Community of the Portuguese Language Countries: a comprehensive and dynamic approach to support the implementation of the Convention</b>	Presentation and Debate	Portugal and Brazil, with the support of the Global Mechanism and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	13:00