

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
UNCCD HIGH-LEVEL POLICY DIALOGUE on the theme
“Coping with Today's Global Challenges in the Context of the Strategy of the
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)”

Bonn, Germany, 27 May 2008

8:30 – 9:00	Registration
	OPENING SESSION
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mrs Karin Kortmann, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany
9:10 – 9:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Josep Puxeu, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Rural, Marine and Natural Environment of Spain
9:20 – 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD
	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work SEGMENT I: POLICY DEVELOPMENT Combating Desertification/Land Degradation and Drought (DLDD) in the context of critical global issues
9:30 – 9:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The UNCCD Strategy and the Global Challenges</i> (20 min.) (Presentation by the UNCCD Secretariat)
9:50 – 10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Global Importance of Land and Soil Protection in the Context of Adaptation to and Mitigation of Climate Change</i> (20 min.) (Ms. Veerle Vandeweerd, Director of Environment & Energy, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme - UNDP)
10:10 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments and discussions
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee/Tea break
	SEGMENT II: DIALOGUE ON MOBILIZING FOR A FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGY
11:15 – 11:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Success stories/ Challenges for Cooperating Partners and the Beneficiaries</i> (20 min.) (Mr. Jean-Michel Severino, CEO of the French Development Agency - AFD)

<p>11:35 – 11:55</p> <p>11:55 – 13:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Innovative financial mechanisms to foster the effective implementation of the UNCCD and improve the livelihood of people living in degraded land</i> (20 min.) (Mrs. Monique Barbut, CEO of the Global Environment Facility - GEF) • Comments and discussions
<p>13:00 – 14:30</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>14:30 – 15:10</p> <p>15:10 – 16:00</p> <p>16:00 – 16:20</p> <p>16:20 – 17:00</p>	<p>SEGMENT III: PARTIES' VIEWS ON RESPONSES TO EMERGING CHALLENGES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion (40 min.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) H.E. Mrs. Meena Gupta, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment and Forests of India, (ii) H.E. Dr. Bruno M.C. Oberle, State Secretary, Federal Office for the Environment of Switzerland, (iii) H.E. Mrs. Jesca Eriyo, Minister of State for Environment of Uganda, (iv) H.E. Mr. Miguel Leonardo Rodríguez, Deputy Minister of Environment of Venezuela. • Discussions by various country representatives and IGOs • Discussion in wrap-up session facilitated by the moderator • Closure of the meeting
<p>17:00 – 17:45</p>	<p>Press Conference</p>