



United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

Women and Desertification

The Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is collecting stories from local communities that speak of your experiences on women's role in combating desertification and the importance of their involvement in the UNCCD process as key players in household management, cultivation of tree nurseries and land, reforestation, water management and sustainable agriculture.

The stories will be compiled into a leaflet(s) for use in public information material and campaigns and posted on the website, as case studies that specifically show the role of women in combating desertification. They will be kept in our databank as well to be used for all future references when discussing women and desertification.

With this aim in mind, we prepared a set of guidelines to help you orient through the writing.

We look forward to your active participation and valuable contribution in this endeavor.

Guidelines

I. Approach

1. How has desertification affected women's lives?
 2. What tasks the women in your community undertake are linked with the process of desertification?
 3. What have women done to fight desertification?
 4. Why is it important to involve women in combating desertification?
- If possible, be as specific as possible providing data and concrete examples from among people in your community.

II. Structure

- 1) Submission deadline: July 31, 2004.
- 2) All writings must comprise between 400 and 800 words and be submitted either in English, French or Spanish by email preferably in Microsoft Word format.

- 3) Writers are encouraged to send photos, drawings or other material for illustration purposes.
- 4) Initial selection criteria will focus on both content and writing style. It will particularly focus on how well the article describes the role of women in fighting desertification and the link between desertification and women
- 5) UNCCD retains the copyright and unlimited right to edit, summarize and use submitted stories for public information purposes, in which case the authors will be credited in connection.
- 6) For publication in languages other than those submitted, UNCCD reserves the right to translate them in the desired languages.
- 7) The stories will be posted on the website.

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