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Convention to Combat
Desertification

**UNCCD is the global
vision and voice for land**

Every second, an equivalent of four football fields of healthy land becomes degraded, adding up to

100

million
hectares
every year



Droughts are becoming more
frequent and intense, increasing by...

29%

since 2000.



**Land degradation
affects up to**

40%



**of the Earth's surface
globally with dire
consequences for our
climate, biodiversity
and livelihoods.**

**If current
trends
continue we
need to
restore**

1.5

**billion hectares by 2030
to reach land degradation
neutrality goals.**





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Expected Outcomes

Two billion tons of sand and dust,
equal in weight to:

350

Great Pyramids of Giza enter the
atmosphere every year; over 25%
of them are due to human activities.

**One billion
people under
the age of**

25

**... live in regions directly
dependent on land and natural
resources for jobs and
livelihoods.**





Our Land. Our Future.

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