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- Describe UNCCD with 3 words only:

Helping vulnerable population

- How different the UNCCD is today from the time you joined the secretariat?

I joined the secretariat in 1998 as an intern, in 2000 as consultant and 2001 as a UNCCD staff, since then I have never left. The convention was considered as a regional instrument to help African countries and few Asian to combat desertification or the advance of the desert as many used to say. Right now the Convention has a universal membership, it's well recognized both at the national and international level as a tool to address land degradation desertification and drought.

- Your 3 most precious memories?
 1. When the GEF became one of the financial mechanisms for the Convention after endless discussions with some Parties
 2. The celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification with the amazing projects organized during 2006 with the support of the international community
 3. The work undertaken by civil society organizations to bring the issue of Land Rights (a kind of elephant in the room for this convention) to the official agenda of the COP 25 years after the adoption of the convention.