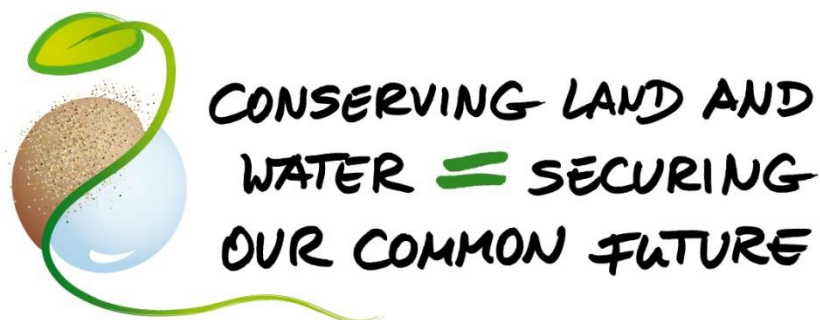


World Day to Combat Desertification Observance Event
Bonn, Germany
17 June 2009

To mark the occasion, the UNCCD Secretariat, in collaboration with the City of Bonn, The event is co-organized with the City of Bonn, Bonn International Model United Nations (BIMUN), and the Geographic Institute of the University of Bonn (GIUB), will conduct an awareness raising campaign from the City's Old Town Hall. This will include a public screening of a documentary on desertification, a children's event, the distribution to the public of postcards and posters on desertification, lectures on soil security and land degradation, as well as statements by the Mayor of the City and heads of UN agencies to mark the occasion.



The Official Observance Ceremony will take place at 6pm in the Old City Hall, at a reception hosted by the City of Bonn and graced by the presence of the Mayor of Bonn, the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD and Heads of the Bonn-based UN agencies. Lectures and statements will also be delivered by guests from Deutsche Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), the European Space Agency and the UNCCD Secretariat.

For more information on the World Day to Combat Desertification event in Bonn, please contact secretariat@unccd.int.