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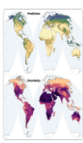
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	Hunger Hotspots: FAO-WFP early warnings on acute food insecurity (August to November 2021 outlook) Conflict, COVID-19, climate crisis likely to drive higher levels of acute food insecurity in 23 hunger hotspots – new report Efforts to fight a global surge in acute food insecurity are being stymied in several countries by fighting and blockades that cut off life-saving aid to families on the brink of famine, warn the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Programme (WFP) in a new report issued today. Bureaucratic obstacles as well as a lack of funding also hamper the two UN agencies' efforts to provide emergency food assistance and enable farmers to plant at scale and at the right time.
	Building Integrated Policies for the Planet: how governments can drive business action on nature and climate Today 29 July 2021, is Earth Overshoot Day and marks the date when humanity has exhausted nature's budget for the year, meaning we're living on ecological credit. To mark this sobering moment, We Mean Business and Business for Nature have launched a new publication 'Building Integrated Policies for the Planet' outlining the integrated policy recommendations to address the twin crises of climate change and nature loss. Addressing nature and climate together is an imperative to build an equitable, nature-positive and net-zero future. We cannot contain global warming to 1.5°C without addressing nature loss, and we cannot reverse the loss of nature without a stable climate.

	Fixing food 2021: An opportunity for G20 countries to lead the way With less than a decade to meet the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of eradicating hunger, reducing malnutrition and accelerating climate action, making our food systems more sustainable requires leadership and bold action. The G20 group of large and advanced economies has a crucial role to play. Together, the G20 members account for 60% of our population, 75% of our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and 80% of our economic output
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	Scarcity amidst abundance? Reassessing the potential for cropland expansion in Africa J. Chamberlin T.S. Jayne D. Headey
	Modelling agricultural land abandonment in the EU: where is most at risk? Science for Environment Policy/ European Commission

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Article Open Access Published: 11 May 2021 Global land use changes are four times greater than previously estimated Karina Winkler, Richard Fuchs, Mark Rounsevell & Martin Herold <i>Nature Communications</i> 12, Article number: 2501 (2021) Cite this article	<u>Global land use changes are four times greater than previously estimated (OA)</u> <u>Karina Winkler</u> <u>Richard Fuchs</u> <u>Mark Rounsevell</u> <u>Martin Herold</u>

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<u>Ibrahim Thiaw : "L'Afrique est très affectée par la dégradation des terres"</u> La désertification affecte la vie de quelque 2 milliards de personnes dans le monde...pour en parler, en direct de New York, le Secrétaire exécutif de la Convention des Nations Unies pour la lutte contre la désertification, Ibrahim THIAW <u>TV5 Monde</u> <u>YouTube</u>	<u>GLF Africa: Restoring drylands, accelerating action on the ground. Remarks by the Executive Secretary Ibrahim Thiaw on UNCCD Commitment on drylands in Africa and the Sahel</u> <u>Ibrahim Thiaw</u> <u>Global Landscapes Forum (GLF)</u> <u>Restoring nature 'the test of our generation': UN General Assembly President</u> <u>UN News</u>
<u>Interview. How Local Governments Can Put Food on the Table: An Interview with Peter Defranceschi</u> <u>Impakter</u>	<u>Youth empowerment: Reimagining and transforming skills development in Western and Central Africa</u> <u>World Bank</u>

<u>LISTEN: Durbanite Romario Valentine gives back to the birds on his tenth birthday</u> <u>Back A Buddy Website</u> For Romario Valentine, his passion is helping the world become a better place. He not only works closely with the United Nations, but he also managed to raise a sum of R30,000 for the birds at the Umgeni Bird Park.	<u>Le billet sciences du week-end. Désertification : le fléau silencieux</u> The Weekend science ticket. Desertification: the silent scourge. (Original title: Le billet sciences du week-end. Désertification : le fléau silencieux) <u>Radio France</u>
<u>Conflict, COVID, climate crisis, likely to fuel acute food insecurity in 23 'hunger hotspots'</u> <u>UN News</u>	<u>Pressing Questions about Ecosystem Restoration, Answered -each \$1 invested in restoring degraded landscapes can bring \$7-30 in economic returns</u> <u>World Resources Institute (WRI)</u>
<u>A Virtual Journey into the Sahel (Youtube)</u> <u>A Virtual Journey into the Sahel (World Bank)</u> <u>World Bank Achieving Development Progress in the Sahel</u> <u>World Bank</u>	<u>To keep the planet flourishing, 30% of Earth needs protection by 2030</u> <u>National Geographic</u>
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<u>"Land is Now the Biggest Gun": Climate Change, Conflict, and the Telling Case of Karamoja, Uganda</u> <u>Climate Diplomacy</u>	<u>Research and development are key to resilient food systems in Africa</u> <u>The Conversation</u>

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 Land restoration and its benefits – the faces of restoration Desertification & Drought Day 17 JUNE 2021 <i>Restoration. Land. Recovery.</i> We build back better with healthy land Land restoration is an essential component of any building-forward strategy.	Land restoration and its benefits – the faces of restoration Without land restoration, we will continue to face global crises. Ensuring food and water security, reducing emissions and conserving biodiversity will not be possible without concerted efforts to regenerate our natural capital and transform our food systems
	Land: 13 facts you need to know Restoring degrading lands can help us mitigate climate change. Land can be our greatest ally in fighting climate change, but first we need to restore it to full health. Restoring degrading land can do all of that quickly, at relatively low cost, and with modest technological solutions
Land education-Learning is key to finding solutions and creating a more sustainable world. 	Environment and land for young minds Transformative education is the long-term solution to help change the way we live and care for our planet. Yet not all learners today are receiving the adequate tools and knowledge to be empowered to act for the planet. 45% of national education documents studied by UNESCO made little-to-no reference to environmental themes including sustainability, climate change and biodiversity; Less than half of those documents mentioned climate change.; and only 19% made a reference to biodiversity. This must change !!!
	Library at your fingertips All you need to know about desertification, land degradation, drought and more cross-cutting issues



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The Sahel: Land of Opportunities, Land with a Future

A stable Sahel, with a population of over 300 million and a rising urbanization trend, offers immense opportunities for the global market



Land Food Feed Fibre

“Food. Feed. Fibre.” seeks to provoke changes in diet and behaviors. Changing consumer and corporate behavior, having more efficient planning and sustainable practices, could secure enough land to meet the demand for food and supplies



Healthy land for healthy people

Land Degradation Neutrality aims to preserve land resources by ensuring no net loss of healthy and productive land through a combination of measures that avoid, reduce and reverse land degradation

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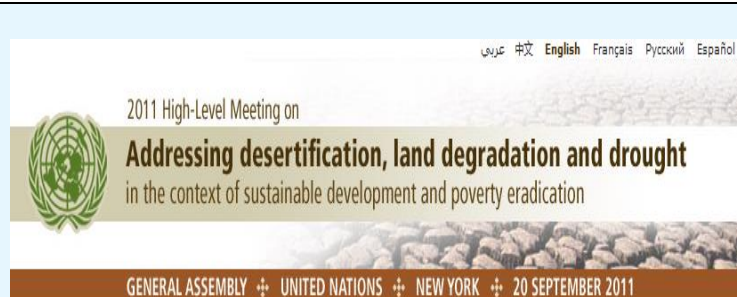
United Nations General Assembly High Level meeting" Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication" New York, 20 September 2011

By holding the high-level event, the member states of the General Assembly examined the implications of these trends for the future in order to determine the measures that may be needed to arrest the situation before it gets out of hand.

The degradation of the land the production is inevitable, given the need to produce food and extract other valuable resource. Should we continue to do so infinitely and everywhere? Is there a sustainable level of land degradation that could guarantee a stable future for posterity? What about reclaiming and rehabilitating the 12 million hectares of land – or the equivalent of the amount we degrade - every year as an off-set and thus, guarantee the sustainability of healthy and productive land now and in future?

With the General Assembly, the UNCCD, whose primary focus is the land degradation in the drylands, also hopes to engage the policy - makers on the degradation taking place outside the drylands. The absence of a consolidated policy framework to combat the land degradation in the non-drylands areas combined with the growing competition of such land, has implications for success in combating desertification in the drylands. So how do we do so?

The outcomes of the meeting were transmitted to the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification held from 10 to 21 October 2011 in Changwon City, Republic of Korea. The outcomes are also relayed to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio plus 20)



[United Nations General Assembly High Level meeting" Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication" New York, 20 September 2011](#)

[UN webpage on GAHLM, expert interviews, media coverage, background materials](#)

[Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa \[A/RES/65/160\] \(resolution deciding to convene the High-level Meeting\)](#)

[High-level meeting on addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication](#) – Advanced copy of the background paper

[The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention \(2008-2018\)](#)

[The Forgotten Billion](#) – MDG achievement in the drylands

[The programme](#)

[UNCCD Press release](#)

International Year of Deserts and Desertification 2006 – IYDD

During the United Nations General Assembly's 58th Ordinary Session in 2003, a decision was adopted declaring 2006 the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (IYDD) to profile Desertification as a Major Threat to Humanity.

Following the joint circular sent by the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD and the Director General of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), encouraging the issuance of commemorative stamps on the occasion of the IYDD, the postal administrations of Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Brazil, Egypt, China, El Salvador, the Holy See, Portugal, Spain and Turkey issued such stamps.

Many events, exhibitions, conferences, festivals have taken place during the IYDD among which: International exhibition “The deserts” (30 March to 8 October 2006, Rosenheim, Germany). This exhibition was part of the Bavarian contribution to the celebration of the IYDD. By the time the exhibition closed, more than 200,000 people had visited it

International film festival “Desert Nights: Tales from the Desert” (1–7 December 2006, Rome, Italy). The aim of this international film festival was to raise awareness and inform the public at large, through the magic of cinema, about the daily lives, the stories, the struggles and the dreams of the people of the drylands.

The International Year of Deserts and Desertification provided a unique opportunity for awareness rising on a truly global scale and through a variety of stakeholders, including Parties, observers, international organizations and NGOs. As such, it made a substantial contribution to ongoing efforts to raise the profile and visibility of the land degradation issue in the international sustainable development agenda and confirmed the active commitment of numerous institutional partners to fully integrate and mainstream the desertification agenda in their respective areas of intervention and programme of work.



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International Year of Deserts and Desertification 2006 - IYDD

[Launch of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification \(1 January 2006\)](#)

[IYDD resolution- A/RES/59/235 from 22 February 2005](#)

[The UN Launches International Year of Deserts and Desertification 2006 to Profile Desertification as a Major Threat to Humanity \(23 December 2005\)](#)

[Interim report on the status of preparation of 2006 International Year of Deserts and Desertification ICCD/COP \(7\)/13 from 4 August 2005](#)

[Report on the status of celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification - ICCD/CRIC \(5\)/10 from 8 February 2007](#)

[Resolution A/RES/58/211 of 23 December 2003 on the International Year of Deserts and Desertification](#)

[IYDD Agenda 2006](#)

[Outcome of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification](#)

[Commemorative stamps on the occasion of the IYDD](#)

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