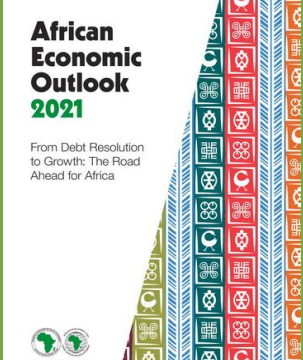


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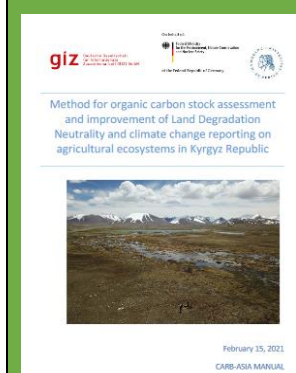
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The gap between youth aspirations and the reality of the labour markets in Africa is large. Career aspirations of young Africans have little in common with current and projected labour demand in the region, making it unlikely that they will go through a smooth school to work transition. Evidence from ten African countries shows that what youth in these countries value most is job security, such as work in the public sector. Agriculture-related work or medium-skilled jobs in manufacturing are the least attractive for young Africans.



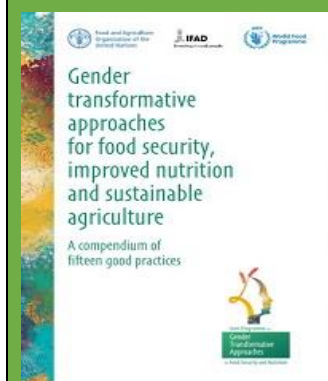
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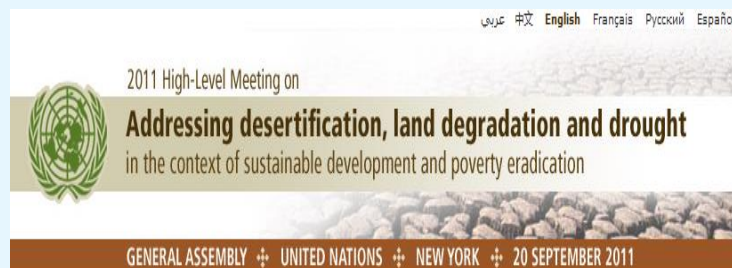
### **United Nations General Assembly High Level meeting" Addressing desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication" New York, 20 September 2011**

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)



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[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 \[A/RES/65/160\] \(resolution deciding to convene the High-level Meeting\)](#)

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

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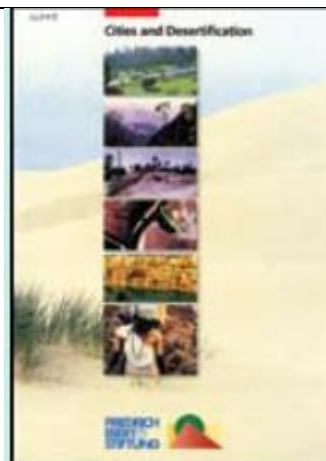
[Commemorative stamps on the occasion of the IYDD](#)

**World forum of mayors on cities and desertification.  
Bonn, 11-12 June 1999**

On the invitation of the Mayor of Bonn, Ms. Bärbel Dieckmann, the Second World Forum of Mayors on Cities and Desertification took place in Bonn on June 11th and 12th, 1999. Desertification is assuming ever more threatening proportions worldwide; with a view to controlling and resolving the resulting problems, cities and municipal authorities are desperately looking for support on the basis of an exchange of experience and cooperation.

The United Nations have taken an interest in the subject and the UNCCD-Secretariat with its head office in Bonn was one of the driving forces behind this special-subject conference.

The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung supported this Forum in various ways, including six case studies in English, French and Spanish which represented 2 countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America respectively. The six studies still describe the prevailing situation and have therefore been collected in this brochure in English in order to make them available to a larger public.



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