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Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-1

Number and size of information events organized on the subject of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity, and audience reached by media addressing DLDD and DLDD synergies

Global target

Percentage of population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30 %

2018

National contribution to the global target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

70

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

Voluntary national target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

%

70

Year

2018

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Information events

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	30	3500
2013	40	
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	500	40000
2013	800	55000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

National Consultations and Workshops, Media Houses (newspapers, television, radio stations)

Social Media hits, Publishing houses, Education institution, Key Stakeholders (government,

Qualitative assessment

Does your country have a national communication strategy addressing DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity in place?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Strategy, activities relating to the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, etc.):

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Though there is no specific National Communication Strategy addressing DLDD or DLDD synergies with Climate Change and Biodiversity, it should be noted that Dominica has a National Environmental Management Strategy (NEMS) which needs to be upgraded for approval by Cabinet, for implementation. Dominica also has a cross-sectoral Low Carbon Climate Resilience Development Strategy which includes Agriculture, Forestry, Physical Planning and Fisheries. Both strategies include public awareness.

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-3

Number of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) participating in the Convention processes

Global target

A steady growth in the participation of CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy.

National contribution to global target: number of CSOs and STIs involved in DLDD-related programmes/projects

Year	Number of civil society organizations	Number of science and technology institutions
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	4	0
2013	4	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

GEF Small Grants Program, Non-State Actors NSA (Umbrella Organization for All NGOs- YES Corps,
National Community Tourism Association, WEF, Generation of Opportunities, DALA
various Community Based Organisations to numerous to mention

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of CSOs and STIs participating in the Convention process at national level, per biennium % 2

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in DLDD-related programmes and projects? Yes No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes.

Civil Society is a key sector to be addressed in the Low Carbon Climate Resilience Development Strategy. Moreover, under the Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project (DVRP), being implemented as part of the Strategic Programme for Climate Resilience, there are land stabilization and reforestation projects to be implemented in priority communities. A Project to develop the National Land Use Policy is ongoing. It is expected that with the implementation of these projects, the number of CSOs and STIs participating in Convention processes will increase.

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-0-4

Number and type of DLDD-related initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) in the field of education

Global target

A steady growth in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy

National contribution to the global target: number of DLDD-related initiatives implemented by CSOs and STIs in the field of education

Year	Number of CSOs initiatives	Number of STIs initiatives
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	0	0
2013	0	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium

%

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Not expected

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives in the education sector implemented by CSOs and STIs?

Yes

No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education.

CONS-0-5 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have finalized the formulation/revision of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs) aligned to The Strategy, taking into account biophysical and socio-economic information, national planning and policies, and integration into investment frameworks

Global target Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities that have formulated/ revised a NAP/SRAP/RAP aligned to The Strategy **≥ 80 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have a NAP aligned to the Strategy? Yes No

Qualitative assessment

Is your NAP being implemented? Yes No

Please answer the following two questions only if your country has not aligned the NAP to the Strategy

Voluntary national target

When do you plan to align your NAP to the Strategy? 2014-2015
 2016-2017
 2018-2019
 No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., national circumstances affecting the NAP alignment and implementation process)

A draft NAP was developed circa 2005. It was difficult to finalize this document without adequate financial support.

Sources of information

Environmental Coordinating Unit - UNCCD Focal Point

CONS-O-7 Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels

Global target Each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions **2014**

National contribution to the global target Was your country implementing joint planning/programming initiatives for the three Rio conventions in the current reporting period? Yes
 Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions
 No

Were there any operational mechanisms that facilitated joint implementation of the three Rio Conventions during the current reporting period? Yes
 Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions
 No

Please answer the following questions if your country does not have such initiatives or mechanisms in place

Voluntary national target Does your country plan to implement joint planning/programming and when? 2014-2015
 2016-2017
 2018-2019
 No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Voluntary national target Does your country plan to establish operational mechanisms for joint implementation and when? 2014-2015
 2016-2017
 2018-2019
 No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Sources of information

CONS-0-8 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have established and supported a national/subregional/regional monitoring system for DLDD

Global target	Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD	≥ 60 %	2018
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National contribution to the global target

Is a monitoring system specifically dedicated to DLDD established in your country? Yes No

If yes, is the monitoring system regularly updated and functional? Yes No

Please answer the following questions if your country has not established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD by the end of the current reporting period

Voluntary national target

When does your country plan to establish and support a national monitoring system for DLDD?

2014-2015	<input type="checkbox"/>
2016-2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
2018-2019	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Plan Yet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Sources of information

Qualitative assessment

Does your country have a monitoring system partially covering DLDD? Yes No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, how the system is being supported, etc.):

Knowledge-sharing systems

List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system in your country, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; background-color: #ffffcc;"></div>
Internet link:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; background-color: #ffffcc;"></div>
Estimated number of users per year:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; background-color: #ffffcc;"></div>

Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

CONS-0-10	Number of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs reflecting knowledge of DLDD drivers and their interactions, and of the interaction of DLDD with climate change and biodiversity		
Global target	Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.	≥ 70 %	2018

CONS-0-13 Number of countries, subregional and regional reporting entities engaged in building capacity to combat DLDD on the basis of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) or other methodologies and instruments

Global target Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that implement DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects **≥ 90 %**

National contribution to the global target

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA? Yes No

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs? Yes No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed

Under the Sustainable Land Management Project, persons from key government departments, NGOs and affected communities were trained in GPS and the development of vulnerability atlas maps and resource management plans. The project covered 10 priority communities.

Sources of information

Sustainable Land Management Project- Environmental Coordinating Unit- UNCCD Focal Point

Qualitative assessment

Has your country assessed DLDD-related capacity-building needs? Yes No

Did you country receive technical and/or financial assistance to build capacities to combat DLDD? Yes No

CONS-O-14

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities whose investment frameworks, established within the integrated financing strategy (IFS) devised by the Global Mechanism (GM) or within other IFSs, reflect leveraging national, bilateral and multilateral resources to combat DLDD

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have developed integrated investment frameworks (IIFs)

≥ 50 %

2014

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have an integrated investment framework?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g. is the IIF based on the NAP; non-traditional and innovative financing targeted by the IIF; overview of the progress in implementing the IIF in your country; assistance received in the development or implementation of the IIF from the GM or other development partners, etc.)

Growth and Social Protection Strategy (GSPS)

Sources of information

CONS-O-16

Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by developed country Parties to combat DLDD

Rating of the bilateral assistance received for the implementation of the Convention and its Strategy during the reporting period

Adequacy of bilateral assistance received	Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not timely	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>		
Predictability of bilateral assistance received	Predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not predictable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Provide any complementary information (e.g., additional information on other aspects beyond those mentioned above which impact proper planning and effective implementation of the Convention in your country, etc.)

Adequate financial support must be communicated and dispersed in a timely manner.

Qualitative assessment

Did your country receive assistance in raising resources from bilateral donors? Yes No

If yes, from whom?

GEF, UNDP, UNEP, WORLD BANK, CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, EUROPEAN UNION

CONS-0-18

Amount of financial resources and type of incentives which have enabled access to technology by affected country Parties

Global target

A steady growth in the financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by affected country Parties is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

A steady growth in the number of economic and policy incentives reported upon is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

National contribution to the target: estimated amount of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	XCD - East Caribbean Dollar	300000
2013	XCD - East Caribbean Dollar	300000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Has your country established economic and policy incentives intended to facilitate access to technology? Yes No

Sources of information

Physical Planning Division, Environmental Coordinating Unit

Voluntary national target

Percentage increase of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by a given year % Year

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., a short overview of specific aspects and the nature of technology transfer in your country, aspects in which there is a need to increase the level of technology transfer, etc.)

GIS, GPS Technology, GEONode, ArcGIS, and related GIS software, surveying equipment and related software

Identification

Identification code

Enter the Identification Code (ID), number or acronym given to the activity funded (if known)

Name of the activity
funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative

Reporting process-related issues

Financial resources

Could your country count on sufficient financial resources to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No

Provide an estimate of the amount invested from your country's national budget into the current UNCCD reporting process

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	XCD - East Caribbean Dollar	60000
2013	XCD - East Caribbean Dollar	60000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Human resources

Provide an estimate of the people involved in your country in the UNCCD reporting process, and of the total number of months dedicated by these persons to the reporting process

Year	Number of people	Number of months
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	2	1
2013	2	1
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Knowledge

Could your country count on sufficient technical and scientific knowledge to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No

Coordination

Was coordination at the national level with the relevant line ministries satisfactory in order to report comprehensively and coherently?

Yes No

Participation and consultation

Was a participatory or consultative approach applied to involve all relevant stakeholders in the reporting process?

Yes No

Validation

Was a validation meeting held as a part of the reporting process?

Yes No

Subregional and regional processes

Did your country cooperate with the entities entrusted with preparing the subregional and regional action programme reports?

Yes No

Accommodation of specific requests within decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties

Reporting on specific COP requests: iterative process on indicators

Tick the boxes only if you have experienced difficulties in reporting on one or more performance indicator(s). When doing so, place the tick mark under the e-SMART criterion for which the difficulty occurred.

	Economic	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Relevant	Time-bound
CONS-0-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Any other country-specific issues

Does your country have any specific issue to bring to the attention of the Conference of the Parties? Yes No

If yes, please specify under which of the following broad categories it can be classified

- Policy, legislative and/or institutional framework
- Capacity-building and awareness-raising
- Desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
- Funding/resource mobilization
- Knowledge management and decision-making support
- Participation, collaboration and networking
- Reporting and review process
- Other

Please describe below:

Submission form

Name of the reporting officer	KONGIT HAILE-GABRIEL
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