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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

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

Information events

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2013	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2013	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

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

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		
2013		
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

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 international level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes or any other complementary information.

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Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-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		2
2013		2
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH TO REACH MILLENNIUM GOALS

<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/mrcbg/programs/sustsci/grants-fellowships/fellows/giorgio-ruffol>

http://www.iao.florence.it/training/irrigation/2013_14/IAO_Master_IRR6_Brochure.pdf

Qualitative assessment

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

Yes

No

Provide a short description of actions taken at development assistance level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education or any other complementary information.

Italy is working to organize a Mediterranean scientific conference in early 2015 to improve the contribution of science to the convention before the third UNCCD scientific conference.

CONS-O-6

Number of partnership agreements established within the framework of the Convention between developed country Parties/United Nations and IGOs and affected country Parties

Global target

Active UNCCD-related partnership agreements in each affected country Party

≥ 2

2014

National contribution to the global target: number of partnership agreements with affected country Parties under implementation during the reporting period

Year	Number of partnership agreements
2008	
2009	
2010	
2011	
2012	0
2013	0
2014	
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	

Qualitative assessment

List the partnership agreement(s) concluded by your country in the reporting period and the beneficiary affected country(ies) and/or subregion(s) and region(s) (add as many rows as necessary):

Partnership Agreement:

Italy supports the Global Island Partnership under the CBD

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Global	

Partnership Agreement:

Italy supports the Mountain Partnership voluntary alliance.

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Global	

Partnership Agreement:

Memorandum of Understanding to provide technical support to the Iraqi Ministry of Environment.

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	Iraq

Is your country planning one or more partnership agreement(s) with one or more affected country Party(ies)?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., support received by Convention-related institutions, major difficulties experienced in the conclusion of partnership agreements, relation to integrated investment frameworks, etc.)

In 2012 Italy cooperation budget decreased by -34.7% in respect to 2011: due to lower levels of aid to refugees arriving from North Africa and reduced debt relief grants compared to 2011; however, the Italian government has made a firm commitment to increase ODA allocations in order to reach 0.15-0.16% of GNI in 2013; detailed cooperation budget for 2013 is not available at the time of the present reporting exercise.

Sources of information

<http://www.natureiraq.org/new-eden-project.html>

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

Year	Number of synergistic planning/programming	Number of mechanisms for joint implementation
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	5	0
2013	5	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Qualitative assessment

List the initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation that have received the technical and/or financial support of your country during the reporting period, and the beneficiary affected country(ies) and/or subregion(s) and region(s) (add as many rows as necessary):

Initiative or Mechanism:

New Eden Project - Technical Assistance for the implementation in Iraq of the UNFCCC and the UN CBD

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	Iraq

Initiative or Mechanism:

DESERTIFICATION STRUGGLE AND REINFORCEMENT OF FOOD REQUIREMENT IN THE DISTRICT OF BOUL...

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	Burkina Faso

Initiative or Mechanism:

WADIS-MAR: Water harvesting and agricultural techniques in Drylands: an Integrated and Sustainable m...

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Subregion	Northern Africa

Initiative or Mechanism:

Sino-Italian Cooperation Programme for Environmental Protection

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	China

Initiative or Mechanism:

Climate change adaptation disaster prevention and agriculture development for food security

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	Niger

Is your country planning to provide support to one or more affected country Party(ies) and/or subregion(s)/region(s) for the implementation of synergistic instruments?

Yes No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., description of synergistic instruments implemented by your country, support received by Convention-related institutions, major difficulties experienced in the establishment of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, etc.)

The priority of specific programmes targeting the synergistic implementation of DLDD with other Rio conventions is low due to insufficient specific policy commitment. Cooperation priorities seems to be driven more by the water, energy, food with little or no integration of DLDD issues.

Please answer the following questions only if your country supported the implementation of one or more synergistic instrument(s) in affected country(ies) during the reporting period

Qualitative assessment

If your country has supported initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions, specify the type of joint initiative(s):

- Evaluation of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies
- Identification of national sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and cooperation
- Review of national policies to enhance cooperation and synergies
- Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacities and awareness of relevant stakeholders
- Other (please describe below):

If your country has supported mechanisms for joint implementation, specify the type of mechanism(s):

- Regular meetings between focal points and focal point teams of the Rio conventions
- A national coordinating committee for the implementation of the Rio conventions
- National coordination on synergies in reporting under the Rio conventions
- Other (please describe below):

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

National contribution to the global target: number of monitoring systems established in affected country Parties and/or subregions/regions with the technical and/or financial support of your country

Year	Monitoring systems specifically dedicated to DLDD	Monitoring systems partially covering DLDD
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	1	0
2013	1	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Please answer the following question only if your country has supported one or more monitoring system(s)

Qualitative assessment

List the monitoring system(s) technically and/or financially supported by your country during the reporting period and the beneficiary affected country(ies) and/or subregion(s) and region(s) (add as many rows as necessary):

Monitoring system:

<http://www.agrhymet.ne/presentation.html>

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Subregion	Eastern Africa

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, etc.)

Italian cooperation supported Agrhymet since the early stages of its activity and is continuing to support it.

Knowledge-sharing systems

List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system technically and/or financially supported by your country during the reporting period, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system:

Traditional Knowledge World Bank

Internet link:

http://www.tkwb.org/web/?page_id=4&language=it

Estimated number of users per year:

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 supporting DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

Is your country supporting DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Sources of information

Please answer the following question only if your country has supported the implementation of DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

Qualitative assessment

List the DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects technically and/or financially supported by your country during the reporting period and the beneficiary affected country(ies) and/or subregion(s) and region(s) (add as many rows as necessary):

Capacity-building plans or programmes/projects:

HIGHER EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE'S OFFICIALS
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Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	Iraq

Capacity-building plans or programmes/projects:

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT: ADDRESSING

Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	Pakistan

Capacity-building plans or programmes/projects:

Innovating through learning:poverty alleviation in rural areas-Agrinovia 2.0
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Beneficiary:

Category	Location
Country	Burkina Faso

Is your country planning to provide support to one or more affected country Party(ies) and/or subregion(s)/region(s) for the implementation of DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects?

Yes No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed (e.g., plans for future support, major difficulties experienced, etc.)

No specific plans have been formulated at the time of present reporting exercise on DLDD capacity building but Italy will at least continue to support existing programmes through its contribution to international organizations.

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

Has your country supported the development of one or more integrated investment frameworks?

Yes

No

Sources of information

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	EUR - Euro	0
2013	EUR - Euro	40000
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	0	0
2013	2	2
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

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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:

Please note that for 2013 only data from the Italian MFA is available, as the complete data collection is normally foreseen to be finalized later in the year.

Regarding prior reporting periods, Italy points out that a few activities and agreements in the areas of advocacy, education and capacity building have not been included in previous reports. Please consider including the following activities in the reports for the relevant years:

Agreement between the Italian Ministry of Environment, Territory and Sea and the Secretariat to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in the framework of the activities of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification, signed on 19 October 2006:

- 1) "Organization of cultural and social events in the framework of the 2006 "Desert Nights" International Film Festival, budget: 193.049,00 EUR
- 2) "Support for the establishment of an International Centre on Traditional Knowledge", budget: EUR 145.597,00

Agreement between the Italian Ministry of Environment, Territory and Sea and the Secretariat to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in the framework of the activities of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification, signed on 19 October 2006 to support the formulation of five pilot projects in the countries most affected by drought and desertification in Africa:

- 1) Burkina Faso: Dori water and sanitation project, in the framework of the Integrated Lowland Ecosystem Management programme, budget: EUR 175.000,00
- 2) Niger: Azaouak, budget: EUR 90.000,00
- 3) Mali: Establishment of a training Centre for young people in the Mount Mandingo Forest, budget: EUR 190000,00
- 4) Ethiopia: Watershed Management in the Framework of the Integrated Programme for the Restoration of the Environmental System of the city of Lalibela, budget: EUR 95.000,00
- 5) Algeria: Pilot project for the restoration of the foggara in the Sebkhah of Timimoun by employing traditional techniques in an innovative way, budget: EUR 100.000,00"

Submission form

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