Exacerbated by climate change which is now more real to most inhabitants of planet Earth, desertification is threatening many livelihoods. The UNCCDCOP13 gave all and sundry the opportunity to contribute to the strategy to combat desertification. However it is of note to highlight that the solutions should be tailor made to each situation and location. This is because different environments have different economic, social, political and technological factors. In some areas affected or threatened by desertification there concurrently is lack of water or the areas are dry or semi-arid receiving below normal rainfall. Current genome editing techniques such as CRISPR/Cas9 can be used to engineer drought resistance genes such as XVASP1 from Xerophyta Viscosa (the resurrecting plant) such that in the absence of rain, trees planted in reforestation exercises will dry only to resurrect when there is water. This will ensure success of reforestation exercises in the presence of little resources to irrigate trees. Additionally, the polythene bags which are used during reforestation are not biodegradable. Low cost biodegradable bags that I invented with my colleagues can be used. These decompose in the ground about 6 weeks from planting thereby turning into organic fertilizer for the planted trees and improving the soil structure. The biodegradable planting bags are made from waste material. As a youth I promise to keep working on developing low cost sustainable solutions for land management. This will ensure that the few resources available can be used to protect a bigger area thereby protecting more livelihoods. As part of these efforts I am working on developing a bioreactor that can reduce the composting time to below 20 hours. This will aid in reducing costs of fertilizer which is an essential component of land management interventions. It is my belief that if fertilizer prices go down and or fertilizer formulation information is made open access we can make more progress in achieving targets for the SDG number 15.3. I therefore call for training of the youth in fertilizer production, composting and vermicomposting as one of the UNCCD strategies to achieve targets under strategy 2030. Lastly there is need to develop and provide above surface biodigestors for energy generation so as to reduce deforestation activities necessitated by the need for energy to prepare food. When you jump you do not start by being a meter above ground. It start below a millimeter to a centimeter and so on. Let us therefore start to combart desertification in our small ways. Let us share and implement ideas. It begins with YOU and ME. I have already started.