

UNCCD TRAINING FAIR 2019

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Organization

1. Date:

The exercises will be held at the **Arthur Chung Conference Center (ACCC)** Georgetown, Guyana on **25 and 26 January 2019**.

2. Participation:

We are pleased to advise that more than 250 persons have registered to attend the exercise. Of these 101 are countries while the others are mainly from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Inter-governmental Organizations (IGOs).

3. Opening session:

All participants are expected to attend the official opening session which will be addressed by the Honourable Joseph Harmon, Minister of State in the Ministry of the Presidency of the Republic of Guyana, who shall declare the Training Fair officially opened; and the Deputy Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, Mr. Pradeep Monga. The opening will begin at **9:00 on Friday 25**, taking place in the main plenary hall and last for 30 minutes. After the opening, participants will then join their specific training module. On Saturday the training is scheduled to begin at 9:00. It will end at 17:30 each day. Please see the full programme for further information.

4. Modules

Participants are advised that based upon the requests received, the training modules on Sand and Dust Storms and Drought have been joined together. Consequently there shall now be **three modules** with the other two being on Land Degradation Neutrality and Gender.

All trainings will be conducted by a variety of experts from the UNCCD and many other organizations and agencies. These exercises are planned to be as interactive as possible, and will therefore feature different formats that will allow for the full exchanges between the participants. Consequently, participants are expected to come prepared to share their experiences and knowledge.

4. Agenda

The broad outline of the agenda is included in the full programme for the Fair.

5. Interpretation

All participants are advised that interpretation will not be available for all modules. There will be interpretation in English, French, Spanish and Arabic for the LDN module.

6. Transport to the Conference Center

The UNCCD will be organizing buses to take participants from hotels to the conference center for the two days of the training. These buses will leave the hotels at 8:00 on both days. They will collect participants at 17:45 in the evening to take them back to their hotels. Participants are reminded to please send the names of their hotels to the contacts given below **soonest** to facilitate the arrangement of shuttle services. This service is provided **free** of cost to participants.

7. Important: DSA payment

Participants should note that DSA payment cannot be made before **Sunday 27 January**. You are therefore advised to make your plans accordingly.

8. Updates

Please make sure you visit this site regularly for latest updates

9. Contact persons

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