

Decision 22/COP.5

World Day to Combat Desertification

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 19 of the Convention,

Welcoming the recommendations of the fourth meeting of national focal points in Asia held on 26-27 June 2001 in Ulan Bator, Mongolia,

1. *Recognizes* the need to designate a theme for the World Day to Combat Desertification each year;

2. *Agrees* to adopt "Land degradation" as the global theme for the World Day to Combat Desertification on 17 June 2002, recognizing that countries may choose sub-themes for national activities;

3. *Invites* the Parties to carry out national activities in relation to the above theme.

*11th plenary meeting
12 October 2001*