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**REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND OF
ITS INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 22,
PARAGRAPH 2 (a) AND (b), AND ARTICLE 26 OF THE CONVENTION,
AS WELL AS DECISION 1/COP.5, PARAGRAPH 10**

**REVIEW OF THE REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AFFECTED COUNTRY
PARTIES OF REGIONS OTHER THAN AFRICA, INCLUDING ON THE
PARTICIPATORY PROCESS, AND ON EXPERIENCE GAINED
AND RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THE PREPARATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PROGRAMMES**

Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by Asian country Parties

Addendum

1. In accordance with decision 9/COP.7, the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention at its fifth session will review the reports on implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification by affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including Asia and the Pacific. By its decision 11/COP.1, the Conference of the Parties requested the secretariat to compile summaries of such reports. Decision 11/COP.1 also defined the format and content of reports and, in particular, required summaries not to exceed six pages.

2. The present document contains 26 tabular summaries of reports as submitted by affected Asian country Parties as at 17 November 2006, and document ICCD/CRIC(5)/MISC.1 contains 31 narrative summaries; these are reproduced without formal editing. The secretariat has also made these reports available in their entirety on its website <www.unccd.int>.

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BHUTAN

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Country-specific websites relating to desertification	www.moa.gov.bt (Ministry of Agriculture) www.nec.gov.bt (National Environment Commission) www.dor.gov.bt (Department of Roads) www.mti.gov.bt (Ministry of Trade and Industry, of which the Department of Geology and Mines is a part)

2. Status of national action programme (NAP)

Date of validation	NAP formulation process has yet to be undertaken.
Body/institution/Government level which validated the NAP	Not answerable due to the above reason
NAP review(s)	Not answerable due to the above reason
NAP has been integrated into poverty reduction strategy papers (PRSP)	NAP formulation process has yet to be undertaken. When the process gets under way, mainstreaming of NAP in national sustainable development policies and plans, including the PRSP, will be pursued through multi-stakeholder consultations and inter-agency coordination.
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	NAP formulation process has yet to be undertaken. When the process gets under way, mainstreaming of NAP in national sustainable development policies and plans, including the five-year development plans and national strategy for sustainable development, will be pursued through multi-stakeholder consultations and inter-agency coordination.
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	NAP formulation process yet to be undertaken. When the process gets under way, partnerships will be established to develop synergy of efforts and resources to combat land degradation and to augment knowledge sharing.
Expected NAP validation	NAP formulation process yet to be undertaken
Final draft of a NAP exists	NAP formulation process yet to be undertaken
Formulation of a draft NAP is under way	NAP formulation process yet to be undertaken
Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	NAP formulation process yet to be undertaken

Process has only been initiated	NAP formulation process yet to be undertaken. The process is expected to commence from July 2006.
Process has not yet started	NAP formulation process yet to be undertaken. The process is expected to commence from July 2006. The formulation of NAP has been submitted as a key part of the proposed medium-sized Global Environment Facility (GEF) project.

3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP)

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework	Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion, etc.
SRAP and RAP frameworks are being reviewed to assess the scope and benefits of membership.	

4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB)

The National Environment Commission (NEC) functions as an inter-ministerial body to coordinate and make decisions on cross-sectoral environmental matters and issues including international environmental policy. So, in the absence of a UNCCD-specific National Coordinating Body, the NEC can be considered equivalent to an NCB. The institutions listed below are, therefore, those that make up the NEC:

Name of institution	Government	NGO	Male/female
Ministry of Works and Human Settlement	✓		
Ministry of Trade and Industry	✓		
Ministry of Information and Communication	✓		
Ministry of Agriculture	✓		
Planning Commission	✓		
Department of Education	✓		
Department of Survey and Land Records	✓		
National Environment Commission Secretariat	✓		

5. Total number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited to the process:
None yet

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participated in it?	No
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6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD: 11

Five most relevant acts and laws and/or regulations:

Title of the law	Date of adoption
Environment Assessment Act 2000 (supported by the Regulations for Environmental Clearance of Projects and Strategic Environmental Assessment 2002)	The law was adopted on 14 July 2000, and the regulations were adopted on 4 April 2002.
Forest and Nature Conservation Act of Bhutan, 1995 (supported by Forest and Nature Conservation Rules of Bhutan, 2000)	The law was adopted on 1 September 1995.
Mines and Mineral Management Act (supported by Mines and Mineral Management Regulations, 2002)	The law was adopted on 1 September 1995, and the regulations were adopted on 1 April 2002.
Dzongkhag Yargye Tshogdu and Geog Yargye Tshogchung Chathrim, 2002	The Dzongkhag Yargye Tshogdu Chathrim was adopted on 23 July 2002, and Geog Yargye Tshogchung Chathrim was adopted on 22 July 2002.
Land Act 1979	The law was adopted on 28 December 1979.

7. The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD:

Official title of partnership	Donor(s), international organization(s), and/or agencies of the United Nations system involved	Date of (expected) conclusion
No partnership within the UNCCD framework established yet		

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation:

Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the United Nations system involved
No consultative meeting yet held specifically for UNCCD implementation. However, several multi-disciplinary working group and consultative meetings have been held for the planning and operationalization of the Sustainable Land Management Project which falls under GEF Operational Programme 15.			

Name of the country which has taken over the role of *Chef de file*: Not relevant

8. Name up to 10 projects currently under implementation which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

Project Title	Implemented within NAP/SRAP/RAP framework? (Yes/No)	Timeframe	Partners Involved	Overall Budget
Sustainable Land Management Project	No	2006-2011	GEF, World Bank, Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), various renewable natural resources (RNR) sector agencies, Dzongkhag Administrations	USD 15.89 million
National Land Management Campaign	No	2005 -	Various RNR sector agencies, Dzongkhag Administrations	BTN 6.7 million (first year)
Wang Watershed Management Project	No	2001-2007	European Community, various RNR sector agencies, Dzongkhag Administrations	EURO 13.3 million
Environment and Urban Sector Support Programme	No	2004-2008	DANIDA, National Economic Council (NEC), various RNR sector agencies, City Corporations, Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI)	DKK 110 million
East Central Region Agriculture Development Programme	No	2002-2007	Helvetas, various RNR sector agencies	CHF 2.5 million
Participatory Forest Management Project	No	2002-2007	Swiss Development Cooperation, Department of Forestry, Dzongkhag Administrations	CHF 3.8 million
Community-based Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Management	No	2004-2008	Sustainable Development Secretariat, Department of Forestry, Dzongkhag Administrations	BTN 102 million
Conservation Management Planning for Sakten Wildlife Sanctuary	No	2003-2006	MacArthur Foundation, Department of Forestry, Dzongkhag Administrations	BTN 26.3 million
Linking and Enhancing Protected Areas in the Temperate Broadleaf Forest Ecoregion of Bhutan	No	2003-2007	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), WWF, GEF, Department of Forestry, Dzongkhag Administrations	USD 1.855 million

CAMBODIA

1. Focal point institution:

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2. Status of national action programme (NAP):

Date of validation December 2005	Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
NAP review: Final consultation by Cambodian language for submit to the consul or minister for approval	Tentatively August 2006
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	Yes. Poverty reduction strategy is first priority for rectangular strategy for the government for National Economic and Social Development Plan (2004-2008)
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	Yes. NAP has been integrated into the MAFF priority action plan (2004-2008)
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusion of partnership agreements	Yes. It has been started with the conclusion of partnership agreement.
Expected NAP validation	December 2006
Final draft of a NAP exists	
Formulation of a draft NAP is under way	Nearing completion.
Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	No. However, NAP development should come from learning experience.
Process has only been initiated	Yes.
Process has not yet start	No

3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP)

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework	Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion, soil fertility management, soil improvement, forestry management and conservation etc.
1 Framework for the South East Asia Subregional Action Programme for Combating Land Degradation and Eradicating Poverty in Drought Prone, Seasonally Arid and Food Insecure Areas	Sustainable land and integrated ecosystem management, particularly in drought prone, seasonally arid and food insecure areas

4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB)

Name of institution	Government	NGO	Male/Female
Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries	/		M
Ministry of Environment	/		M
Ministry of Industry	/		M
Ministry of Interior	/		F
Ministry of Defence	/		M
Ministry of Women Affairs	/		
Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology	/		M
Ministry of Land Management and Construction	/		
Department of Agronomy and Land Improvement	/		M
Forestry Administration	/		

5. Total number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited to the process:

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participate in it?	No
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6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD:

Name up to five most relevant acts and laws and/or regulations.

Title of the law	Date of adoption
1. Royal Kret on the Promulgation of Land Law	August 2001
2. Laws and Regulation on the Investment in the Kingdom of Cambodia	1992
3. Fishery Law	2006
4. CITES Sub-decree	2004
5. Forestry Law	31 August 2002

7. Description of consultative process

The importance of the formulation of the NAP to combat desertification and the national consultative workshop are crucial to conducted and participants from the relevant ministries, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs have a good opportunity to share closely our

knowledge and experiences and discussion on the themes of the workshop and identify most appropriate measures, constructive recommendations and guidelines suitable for formulating the NAP to combat degraded and deforested land in Cambodia.

8. Programmes/projects related to UNCCD:

1- PROJECT NAME:	Sustainable Agricultural Soil Management Project (SASMP)
2- SUBMITTING AGENCY	Soil Fertility Management Office of Department of Agronomy and Agricultural Land Improvement (DAALI)
3- IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	Soil Management Office of DAALI within MAFF) and the provinces in the north-eastern part and around the great lake.
4- PROJECT ASSISTANCE	Multiple donor
5- SUPERVISORY AGENCY	DAALI and MAFF.
6- DURATION	2006-2010, five years (proposed)
7- PROJECT TYPE	Free Standing Technical Coordination (FTC)
8- PROJECT LOCATION	The provinces in the north-eastern parts and around the great lake of the country where most dry and wet land erosions considered seriously due to manmade activities affected
9- OVERALL GOAL	Development of a national convention to combat erosion problem and soil fertility management and conservation strategy for the management of agricultural lands and natural biodiversity resources for sustainable development, sustainable production and food security in Cambodia.
10- PURPOSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate long-term strategies, emphasize implementation and be integrated with national policies for sustainable development; • Give particular attention to the implementation of preventative measures for land that are not yet degraded or which are only slightly degraded; • Promote policies and strengthen institutional framework which develop coordination and cooperation, and facilitate access by local communities to appropriate information and technology and • Provide for effective participation at the local, national and regional levels.
11- OVERALL OBJECTIVES	<p>→ Improve capacity of relevant Departments within Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, especially Department of Agronomy and Agricultural Land Improvement able to undertake arable lands management, applied/adoptive research, and technology transfer through participatory process from local communities on-farm methods and extension methods focusing on convention to combat soil fertility erosion based on cropping systems, alley cropping, contour cropping and erosion management in small scale household farming systems and</p> <p>→ Conservation of land use, for instance, forest areas by logging or clearing for grazing, agricultural cultivation, mining and other economic purposes occasionally lead to land degradation, soil erosion, soil contamination, soil acidity, soil salinity, and soil nutrient depletion and finally to totally damage environmental aspects [the environment].</p>

12- OVERALL OUTPUT	Increase awareness among stakeholders from community level up to political persons nationwide on convention to combat desertification and improve research and technology transfer on protecting soil erosion and soil fertility management practice for effective crop production based on alley cropping, contour cropping and farming system
13- ACTIVITIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase awareness and understanding of convention to combat soil erosion and soil fertility management issues among stakeholders; 2. Strengthen linkages with other national and regional organizations and research institutes undertaking activities in sustainable land management; 3. Implement and enhance programme of research on sustainable land management; 4. Disseminate results from the extensive series of research activities; 5. Develop professionally trained staff through short and long-term local and/or overseas training so that they are able to implement policies and undertake activities, and 6. Improve capacity-building of technical staff through on-the-job training by a technical advisor.
14- INPUT	<p><u>1. Investment costs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil works are USD 150 thousand. • Vehicles and equipment: vehicles (4WD, motorcycles and small tractors), equipment (office, agricultural and laboratory and training materials) • Training: overseas (a) graduate level (1Ph.D and 2 MSc) (b) technical courses (5x three to six months abroad); local short training courses and on-the-job training for staff and extension agents and Farmer Field Schools for participating farmers • Technical Assistance: Soil fertility and biodiversity specialist (18 months) and other volunteer or grant specialist as needed <p><u>2. Recurrent Costs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training allowance for 6 national counterparts level (USD 2,400/person/per year) and for 20 junior provincial cooperators (USD 1,440/person/per year) • Travel allowance for national counterparts • Office and laboratory expenses during the project operation including on-farm trials and demonstrations • Operation and maintenance for vehicles and equipment
15- BENEFICIARIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The primary beneficiary in the medium term will be the Cambodian farmer and other stakeholders utilizing improved technologies for cropping systems management in the upland areas; • Farmers will also benefit from the on-farm trials training in terms of improving their current practices in both upland crop production and management of natural resources; • Farmers will directly benefit by using short-term cash crops under inter-row of field trials on up and down slopes of perennial crop plantations;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct short-term impact will be on improving the ability of DAALI technical staff to undertake research programmes with participating stakeholders; • Direct long-term impact will be improved overall environment of the Lake, particularly fish production and capacity storing water in natural watershed, as in correlation with the expansion of the Great Lake Basin contributing to regular flooding control; • Finally, the Royal Government of Cambodia and pile line Ministries, especially MAFF, will benefit from having a more comprehensive understanding of convention to combat desertification and soil fertility management situation and then put its efforts together for a long-term national action plan by using a bottom-up approach in developing any action plans.
16- TOTAL PROJECT COST	<p>USD 915,000 (Nine hundred fifteen thousand United States dollars)</p>
17- SUMMARY	<p>This project proposal is for collaboration activities focusing on a convention to combat soil erosion and on conserving natural biodiversity in terms of sustainable upland crop production and sustainable development of recycling natural resources. High priority will be given to the work done to date of various individual <i>NGOs/IGOs</i> and determining proper comprehensive national recommendations for the various topographic zones of upland crop production found in Cambodia. In addition the project will focus more broadly on combating soil erosion in terms of sustainable agricultural land use and natural biodiversity conservation within research systems. This work has to link in closely with the activities of any farming system programme and any wet/dry land project of the Ministry of Environment , the National Mekong River Commission and/or the Mekong River Commission . Farmers will be involved in all stages of implementation using a participatory approach with an extensive on-farm trial and demonstration programmes. Provincial extension and technical coordinators will be involved closely in carrying out field level training that will be supported and coordinated at the national team level. Technical backup will be provided through DAALI with technical assistance. Capacity- building of DAALI technical staff and provincial cooperators will be strengthened and upgraded through overseas and local training courses and on-the-job training. Local communities' farmers will receive a partial cost benefit from the fieldwork and gain improved technologies through an extension package, especially participation in the Farmer Field Schools. Feedback from farmers and provincial cooperators are considered central to the sub-project. To attain these objectives the sub-project includes funding for investment costs for vehicles, agricultural equipment and materials, training and technical assistance service, and recurrent costs for training, travel allowances, office operating expenses, field trails and demonstrations and operating and maintenance of vehicles and equipment.</p>

CHINA

1. Focal point institution

Name of focal point	State Forestry Administration
Address including e-mail address	Address: 18 Hepingli Dongjie. Beijing, 100714 E-Mail: cciccd@forestry.gov.cn
Country-specific websites relating to desertification	1. http://www.desertification.gov.cn 2. http://www.forestry.gov.cn/ 3. http://www.gefop12.cn/ 4. http://www.gefchina.org.cn

2. Status of national action programme (NAP)

Date of validation	Body/institution/Government level which validated the NAP
NAP reviews	Date
NAP has been integrated into poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	Yes in 1996
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	Yes in 1996
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	Yes
Expected NAP validation	
Final draft of a NAP exists	Yes
Formulation of a draft NAP is under way	Revised NAP available
Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	Yes
Process has only been initiated	
Process has not yet started	No

3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP)

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework	Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion etc.
1. Specific network of desertification monitoring and assessment in Asia TPN1	Task manager
2. TPN2	Country member
3. TPN3	Country member
4. TPN4	Country member
5. TPN5	Country member
6. TPN6	Country member

4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB)

Name of institution	Government (√)	NGO (√)	Male/female
1.Ministry of Foreign Affairs	√		Male
2.National Development and Reform Commission	√		Male
3.Ministry of Commerce	√		Male
4.Ministry of Science and Technology	√		Female
5. Ministry of Civil Affairs	√		Male
6.Ministry of Finance	√		Male
7.Ministry of Land and Resources	√		Female
8.Ministry of Water Resources	√		Male
9.Ministry of Agriculture	√		Male
10.Ministry of Railways	√		Male
11.Ministry of Communications	√		Male
12.State Forestry Administration	√		Male
13. State Administration of Taxation	√		Male
14.State Environmental Protection Administration	√		Male
15.China Meteorological Administration	√		Female
16.People's Bank of China	√		Male
17. State Rural Development Office	√		Male
18. The State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development	√		Male
19.Chinese Academy of Sciences	√		Female

5. Total number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited to the process:

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participate in it?	Yes
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6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD): 20

Name up to five most relevant acts and laws and/or regulations

Title of the law	Issued time
1. Law of the People's Republic of China on Desert Prevention and Transformation	2001-8-31
2. Law of the People's Republic of China on Water and Soil Conservation	1991-06-29
3. Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China	1989-12-26
4.The Law of Land Administration of the people's Republic of China	1986-06-25
5. Water Law of the People's Republic of China	1988-01-21

7. The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD

Official title of partnership	Donor(s), international organization(s), and/or agencies of the United Nations	Date of (expected) conclusion
1.Capacity-Building for the Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	1996
People's Republic of China (PRC)-GEF Partnership on Land Degradation in Dry land Ecosystems	The Global Environment Facility (GEF)	2000

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation

Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the United Nations system involved
Coordination Meeting on Partnership Building and Resource Mobilization for UNCCD Implementation in China, Particularly in the Western Region	2001	Germany, Japan	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UNDP, Global Mechanism (GM), GEF, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Bank, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Organizations with a leading role: ADB, UNDP

8. Name up to 10 projects currently under implementation, which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

	Name of project	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/SRAP/RAP? (Yes/No)	Project implemented within the framework of ...	Timeframe	Partners involved	Overall budget (10,000 USD)
1	Forest resources Management project in Qinghai Province	yes	National action programme	2002-2007	Australia	805
2	Protective forest Construction Project in the middle reaches of the Yellow River in Shanxi Province	yes	National action programme	2005-2006	Japan	335
3	Tree Planting and Afforestation Project in five Provinces of Western China	yes	National action programme	2002-2007	Korea	500
4	Demonstration Project of Forest Comprehensive Management and in Beijing District	yes		2005-2008	Korea	100
5	Sustainable Forest Management of Western China	yes	National action programme	2004-2008	Germany	600
6	Soil and Water Conservation of Miyun Reservoir in Beijing	yes	National action programme	1997-2007	Germany	600
7	The Second Phase of Implementation on Forest Protection and the Community Development of Biodiversity	yes	National action programme	2004-2007	Netherlands	168
8	China-UE Collaborative Project of Natural Forest	yes	National action programme	2002-2006	UE	2028
9	The Project on the watershed Management in China	yes	National action programme	2004-2010	England	1309
10	China-Switzerland Capacity building of project on Environment Management in Bijie District	no		2005-2008	Sweden	134

COOK ISLANDS

1. Focal point institution:

Name of focal point	National Environment Service
Address including e-mail address	Po Box 371, Rarotonga, Cook Islands Phone: +682 21 256 Fax#: +682 22 256 resources@environment.org.ck or ipukarea@environment.org.ck
Country-specific websites relating to desertification	
National Environment Service	1. www.environment.org.ck
Ministry of Works	2. www.mow.gov.ck
Ministry of Marine Resources	3. none
Ministry of Finance and Economic Management	4. www.mfem.gov.ck
Ministry of Agriculture	5. none
Te Aponga Uira (Electricity Provider)	6. none
Ports Authority	7. www.ports.co.ck
Airports Authority	8. none
Ministry of Transport	9. none
Cook Island Tourism Corporation	10. www.cook-islands.com
Cook Islands Investment Corporation	11. none
Ministry of Health	12. www.health.gov.ck
Ministry of Education	13. www.education.gov.ck
Ministry of Internal Affairs	14. none
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	15. none
Development Investment Board	16. www.cook-islands-invest.com
Office of the Prime Minister	18. www.cook-islands.gov.ck
Ministry of Justice	19.
Ministry of Cultural Development	20. none
Office of the Minister for Islands Administration (OMIA)	21. none
National Meteorological Service	22. www.cookislands.pacificweather.org

2. Status of national action programme (NAP) (please provide information relevant to the status in your country only):

Date of validation - The Cook Islands does not have a NAP	Body/institution/Government level which validated the NAP - The Cook Islands does not have a NAP
NAP review(s) - The Cook Islands does not have a NAP	Date(s) - The Cook Islands does not have a NAP
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	No-The Cook Islands has not completed its NAP.
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	No-The Cook Islands has not completed its NAP.
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	No-The Cook Islands has not completed its NAP

Expected NAP validation	Month/year
Final draft of a NAP exists	No-The Cook Islands has not completed its NAP
Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	No-The Cook Islands has not completed its NAP
Process has only been initiated	Yes
Formulation of a draft NAP is under way	No
Process has not yet started	No

3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP) (please provide information where appropriate):

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework		Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion etc.
1	Action Plan for the Managing the Environment of the Pacific Islands Region 2005-2009	Involvement in all fields of the environment sector
2	Pacific Plan 2006-2008	Involvement in all fields especially sustainable development
3	South Pacific Biodiversity Conservation Programme	Development of biodiversity conservation programmes
4	Pacific Islands Renewable Energy project (PIREP)	Assessment of renewable energy related needs and barriers
5	Pacific Islands Energy and Strategic Action Plan (PIESAP)	Involvement in development of energy related programmes
6	Pacific Islands Climate Change Assistance Programme (PICCAP)	Development of climate change initiatives and programmes
7	International Waters Programme (IWP)	Involvement in water resources management
8	Integrated Water Resources Management project	Involvement in water resources management
9	Development of Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific (DSAP)	Involvement in sustainable agricultural practices

4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB) (indicate whether it is a Government or civil society organization, and provide information on the gender of the representatives): Note: Stated gender designation only for Head of Agency but representatives to any meeting could be either senior male or female staff as per Head of Ministry's discretion.

Name of institution		Government (√)	NGO (√)	Male/female
1	Ministry of Works	(√)		Male
2	National Environment Service	(√)		Male
3	Meteorological Service	(√)		Male
4	Ministry of Agriculture	(√)		Male
5	Ministry of Marine Resources	(√)		Male
6	CIANGO (ISACI)		(√)	Male
7	CIANGO (TIS)		(√)	Female
8	Public Health	(√)		Male
9	Emergency Management Cook Islands	(√)		Male

**5. Total number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited to the process:
11 Environmental NGOs participating independently**

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or Civil society organizations participate in it?	No: However, these are the NGOs actively involved in CCD programmes at community, national and international levels.
	TIS-Taporoporoanga Ipukarea Society
	AMMAG-Avana-Muri Marine Management Awareness Group
	REAP-Rarotonga Environment Awareness Programme
	Islands Sustainability Alliance Cook Islands (ISACI)
	Climate Change Action Network (CCAN)
	Red Cross Cook Islands
	WWF Cook Islands
	Takitumu Conservation Area
	Tourism Industry Council Environment Committee
	Mangaia Tangaeo Rangers
	Mitiaro Itiki Rangers

6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD: __9

Name up to five most relevant acts and laws and/or regulations.

Title of the law	Date of adoption
1. Environment Act	2003
2. Marine Resources Act	2005
3. Public Health Act	2003
4. Building Control and Standards Act and its Regulations (need review and update)	1991
5. Land Use Act (need review and update)	1969
6. Rarotonga Water Ordinance (priority need for update)	1960

7. The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD (please provide information where appropriate):

Official title of partnership		Donor(s), international organization(s), and/or agencies of the United Nations system involved	Date of (expected) conclusion
1.	National Sustainable [Strategic?] Development Plan Advisory Committee	The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (FORSEC)	Ongoing
2.	National Millennium Development Goals programme	UNDP	Ongoing
3.	Takuvaine Water Catchments Area Management	UNDP/IWP/the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	2006
4.	National Waste Management Committee	ADB/New Zealand Agency for International Development (NZAID)/ Australian Government Overseas Aid Program (AusAID)	Ongoing
5.	National Disaster Risk Management Committee	NZAID/AusAID/ADB	Ongoing
7.	National Climate Change Country Team	UNDP/GEF/CIDA/ADB	2007
8.	National Biodiversity Steering Group Committee	UNDP/GEF	2006
9.	National NCSA Steering Committee	UNDP/GEF	2006
10.	GEF-SGP National Focal Group	UNDP/GEF/NZAID	Ongoing
11	Marine Resources ISP	NZAID/AusAID	Ongoing
12	Development of Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific (DSAP)	European Union (EU)/SPC	Ongoing
13	Land Mapping (9 th EDF)	EU/South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC)	Ongoing

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation (please provide information where appropriate):

Name of consultative meeting		Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the UN system involved
1.	World Summit on Sustainable Development Forum	2002	New Zealand	UNDESA, UNDP
2.	Tourism Sector Review	2003	New Zealand	
3.	National Development Plan Forum	2003	New Zealand,	UNDP, ADB, NZAID, SPREP
4.	Health Sector Advance Forum	2004	New Zealand	WHO, UNDP
5.	National Environment Forum	2004	New Zealand, Australia	UNDP, SPREP, NZAID, AusAID

6.	GEF consultative meeting	2004		GEF, UNDP, SPREP
7	National Good Governance Forum	2004	New Zealand, Australia	Forum Secretariat, NZAID, AusAID
8	National MDGs & NSDP consultation meetings	2004 - present	New Zealand, Australia	UNDP
9	Ministry of Agriculture sectoral consultation meetings	2002 - present		Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Name of country which has taken over the role of *Chef de file* (please provide information where appropriate): New Zealand, since harmonization of the AusAID and NZAID programmes in the Cook Islands.

8. Name up to 10 projects currently in progress which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

Name of project	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/ SRAP/ RAP? (Yes/No)	Project implemented within the framework of...	Timeframe	Partners Involved	Overall Budget
1. MOW-Water Safety Plan	RAP	WSSD, NESAF, NSDP, MDGs	2006-2007	MOW, SOPAC	
2. MOW-8 th /9 th EDF MapServer project SOPAC/EU-Reducing Vulnerability of Pacific ACP States	RAP	WSSD, NESAF, MOW GIS programme		MOW, SOPAC/ EU	
3. NES/GEF - NCSA	RAP	NESAF	2004-2006	NES	250,000
4. NES-Takuvaine Water Intake Management Project	RAP	WSSD, NESAF, IWP, MDGs	2002-2006	NES, Takuvaine Village Community	410,000
5. MOA-DSAP-Development of Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific Programme (Phase 1&2)	RAP	WSSD, DSAP, MOA strategies,	2004-2007	EU, SPC, MOA, Others	\$200,000
6. OMIA/NZAID-Community Water Tanks in Northern Group Islands (water security)	National	CI/NZAID/AUS Forward Aid Programme, NSDP	2005-2007	NZAID, AusAID, CIGOV	\$750,000
7. MOW-Waste Management Project	National	NESAF, NSDP, WSSD, ADB Pacific Environment Strategy	2002-ongoing	CIGOV, ADB	\$7,000,000

8.	NES-ADB –Legal and Institutional Strengthening of Environmental Management in the Cook Islands	National	NESAF, WSSD, NSDP	2005-2006	CIGOV, ADB	\$390,000
9.	MFEM-Cyclone Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Programme	National	CI/NZAID/ AusAID Forward Aid Programme	2005-ongoing	NZAID/ AusAID, ADB, CIGOV, FRANZ, SOPAC	\$3,450,000
10.	Disaster Mitigation Programme Capacity/Preventive Infrastructure Master Plan-ADB	National	NESAF, NSDP,	2006-2006	ADB, CIGOV	\$600,000

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea ratified the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in December 2003 and has acted as a Party to the Convention since April 2004.

1.1 National Focal Point (NFP) and lead implementing agency of the UNCCD

The National Coordinating Committee on Environment (NCCE) is designated as a national focal point to UNCCD.

The Ministry of Land and Environment Protection is designated as a lead implementing agency of the Convention.

Name of NFP: National Coordinating Committee on Environment (NCCE)

Address:

E-mail:

Tel:

Fax:

Contact Person:

Name of lead implementing agency: Ministry of Land and Environment Protection

Address: Kwangbok-dong, Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea

E-mail: guktodae@co.chesin.com

Tel:

Contact Person: Choi Sang Ho

1.2 National Action Programme to implement the UNCCD.

The DPR Korea has prepared the final draft of its NAP to implement the UNCCD.

This draft is subject to final review in a validation workshop held in June 2006. After the review, the NAP will be submitted to the Cabinet for its adoption. Although the NAP is not enacted yet, the process of its preparation involving all relevant stakeholders since June 2005 contributed to

the consideration of its contents in national and sectoral development plans and their implementation. The government has not yet participated in the poverty reduction strategy/plan formulation process.

1.3 The DPR Korea has not yet participated in the subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP) of the UNCCD.

1.4 There are now 4 non-governmental organization (NGO) type social organizations which take part in the process of NAP formulation and UNCCD implementation including Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU) and the Union of Agricultural Working People of Korea.

1.5 There are a number of laws relating to land degradation:

List of most relevant laws

No	Title of the law	Date of adoption
1	Land Law of DPRK	1979.4.29
2	Environmental Protection Law of DPRK	1986.4.9
3	Forest Law of DPRK	1992.12.11
4	Agricultural Law of DPRK	1998.12.18
5	Tideland Law of DPRK	

However, most of laws including those mentioned above have no direct relation to the purpose of UNCCD implementation since they were adopted ahead of it. Thus they have yet to be revised and updated by reflecting the concept, principles and provisions of the UNCCD.

1.6 The consultative process

In relation to UNCCD implementation, there has been a consultative process with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and UNEP within the framework of GEF OP15.

Official title of partnership	Donor(s)/international organization(s)	Date of expected conclusion
1 Capacity-building and Demonstration in Integrated Land Use Management	UNEP/GEF	Expected to be approved for implementation by 2006

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation

Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the United Nations system involved
1 National Awareness Workshop on the development of framework for NAP & UNCCD implementation	June 15~17/2005		UNCCD Secretariat
2 Capacity building and Demonstration in Integrated Land Use Management	October 9/2005		UNEP/GEF

1.7 List of projects currently under implementation which are directly or indirectly related to UNCCD

Name of project	Project implemented within the framework of...	Timeframe	Partners involved	Overall budget (USD)
1 Suan Sloping Land Management project	Korean-Swiss Agricultural Programme	2004-2006	Switzerland	300,000
2 Crop rotation	“	2005-2006	“	120,000
3 Integrated Pest Management	“	2005-2006	“	400,000
4 Conservative farming	FAO	2006	FAO	1,100,000
5 Improvement of Soil analysis and fertilization	Emergency support	2006		1,000,000
6 Sustainable rural development and integrated agro-forestry management	“	2006		2,000,000
7 Prevention of land degradation through cultivation of green manure crops	“	2006		700,000-1,000,000
8 Agro-forestry and silvo-pastoral combined integrated land management	Korean-Swiss Agriculture Programme	2003-2006		300,000

FIJI

1. Focal point institution:

Name of focal point	Osea Bolawaqatabu
Address including e-mail address	P.O. Box 5442, Raiwaqa, Suva, Land Use Section, Department of Land Resources Planning & Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Fiji Islands Email: obolawaqatabu@govnet.gov.fj
Country specific website relating to desertification	1. ... 2. ...

2. Status of national action programme (NAP) (please provide information relevant to the status in your country only):

Date of validation	National Steering Committee on the NAP
NAP review(s)	Every 3 years
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	Currently under way
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	Currently under way

NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	Yes
Expected NAP validation	Interim - December/2006
Final draft of a NAP exists	No
Formulation of a draft NAP is under way	Yes
Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	No
Process has only been initiated	Yes
Process has not yet started	-

3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP) (please provide information where appropriate)

	Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework	Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion etc.
1.	Pacific subregional / Asian Region	
2.		

4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB) (indicate whether it is a Government or civil society organization, and provide information on the gender of the representatives):

	Name of institution	Government (√)	NGO (√)	Male/Female
1.	Ministry of Agriculture	√		Male
2	Ministry of Lands	√		Male
3	Ministry of Environment	√		Male/Female
4	Ministry for Works	√		Male
5	Ministry of Forests	√		Male
6	Disaster Management Department	√		Male
7	Fiji Sugar Commission			Male
8	Non-governmental representative (NGO)		√	Female
9	Native Lands Trust Board			Male

5. Total number of NGOs accredited to the process: 7

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participate in it?	Yes. Almost all.
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6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD 25

Name up to five most relevant acts and laws and/or regulations

	Title of the law	Date of adoption
1.	Land Conservation & Improvement Act	1953
2	Forestry Act	1953
3.	Agricultural Landlord & Tenant Act	1967
4.	Environment Management Act	2005
5	Drainage Act	1961

7. The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD (please provide information where appropriate):

	Official title of partnership	Donor(s), international organization(s), and/or agencies of the United Nations system involved	Date of (expected) conclusion
1.			
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List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation (please provide information where appropriate):

	Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the UN system involved
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Name of country which has taken over the role of *Chef de file* (please provide information where appropriate): _____

8. Name up to 10 projects currently under implementation which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD.

	Name of project	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/SRAP/RAP? (Yes/No)	Project implemented within the framework of	Timeframe	Partners involved	Overall budget ...dollars
1.	Sustainable Land Management	Yes	NAP	Ongoing	Fiji Government	100,000.00
2	Development of Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific (DSAP)	Yes	SRAP	2004 - 2007	Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)/Fiji Government	600,000.00
3	Development of Integrated Farming Approaches (CROPPRO)	Yes	RAP	2002 - 2007	EU/Fiji Government	500,000.00
4	Integrated Coastal Management (ICM)	Yes	SRAP	Ongoing	University of the South Pacific (USP)/Fiji Government	
5	Watershed Management	Yes	NAP	Ongoing	Fiji Government	1,000,000.00

6	Climate Change & Vulnerability Adaptation program	Yes	SRAP	2003 - 2009	SPREP/Fiji Government	120,000.00
7	Slopedland Farming program	Yes	NAP	Ongoing	Fiji Government	100,000.00
8	Tikina Based Profile	Yes	NAP	Ongoing	Fiji Government	250,000.00
9	Alternative Livelihood Program	Yes	NAP	2006 - 2011	ADB/Fiji Government	6,000,000.00
10	Farming Assistance Scheme	Yes	NAP	Ongoing	Fiji Government	4,000,000.00
11	Sustainable Forest Management	Yes	SRAP	1994 - 2007	SPC/GTZ/Fiji Government	

INDONESIA

1. Focal point institution:

Name of focal point	Ministry of Forestry
Address including e-mail address	Manggala Wanabakti Building JL Gatot Subroto – Senayan Jakarta 10270, Indonesia e-mail: sanwar@cbn.net.id sanwar@dephut.go.id Tel: +62.21.5730151 Fax: +62.21.5700263
Country-specific websites relating to Desertification	1. www.dephut.go.id 2. www.asocon.org

2. Status of national action plan (NAP) (please provide information relevant to the status in your country only):

Date of validation	Minister of Forestry, December 2002
NAP review(s)	After 5 years (will be 2007)
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	Specific programme of UNCCD related to PRSP is currently under way. Poverty alleviation programme has been partially carried out.
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	Yes (2005), however, not specifically specified as UNCCD programme; most NAP content has been integrated into the national development strategy (Propenas).
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	Yes
Expected NAP validation	Done, date of validation is in December 2002
Final draft of a NAP exists	Yes

Formulation of a draft NAP is under way	N/A
Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	N/A
Process has only been initiated	N/A
Process has not yet started	N/A

3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP) (please provide information where appropriate):

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework	Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion etc.
1. South East Asia (SEA) SRAP	Soil erosion, geo-information systems, capacity-building, water harvesting
2. Asia RAP	-
3. Thematic programme network (TPN)	Agroforestry (TPN2), Rural initiative (TPN6)

4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB) (Indicate whether it is a Government or civil society organization, and provide information on the gender of the representatives):

Name of institution	Government (√)	NGO (√)	Male/female
1. Ministry of Forestry	√		M
2. Ministry of Agriculture	√		M
3. Bogor Agricultural University	√		M
4. University of Nusa Cendana	√		M
5. University of Mataram	√		M
6. Tadulako University	√		M
7. Katopasa Foundation		√	M
8. Sadagori Foundation		√	M
9. Ministry of Foreign Affairs	√		F
10. Ministry of Environment	√		M
11. Ministry of Public Work	√		
12. Indonesian Institute of Science	√		M
13. National Coordination Agency for Survey and Mapping	√		M
14. Meteorological and Geophysical Agency	√		M
15. National Aeronautical and Space Institute	√		F
16. Local Governments (East Nusa Tenggara (NTT), West Nusa Tenggara (NTB), and Central Sulawesi)	√		M and F

5. Total number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited to the process: 4 (four)

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participate in it?	No; but there is intention of some NGO's who are member of NCB to establish such committee
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6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD: 9 (nine)

Name up to five most relevant acts and laws and/or regulations

Title of the law	Date of adoption
1. Law of Forestry No. 41/1999	1999
2. Decree of Minister of Forestry No. 020/2001 concerning Guidelines, Standard and Criteria of Forest and Land Rehabilitation	2001
3. Decree of Minister of Forestry No. 052/2001 concerning Guidelines on Implementation of Watershed Management	2001
4. Law of Water Resource No. 7/2004	2004
5. Government Regulation of Reforestation Fund No. 35/2002	2002

7. The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD (please provide information where appropriate):

Official title of partnership	Donor(s), international organization(s), and/or agencies of the United Nations system involved	Date of (expected) conclusion
Dryland Rehabilitation	Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Agency (JIFPRO)	2004
Reforestation clean development mechanism (CDM)	JIFPRO	2010

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation (please provide information where appropriate):

Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the UN system involved
1. NAP Validation	2002	Global Mechanism	UNCCD Secretariat
2. SEA SRAP Formulation	2003		UNCCD Secretariat
3. Partnership Mobilization	2004	Netherland	UNCCD Secretariat
4. National capacity self-assessment	2004-2005	Global Environment Facility	UNDP

Name of country which has taken over the role of *Chef de file* (please provide information where appropriate): None

8. Name up to 10 projects currently under implementation which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD.

Name of project	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/SRAP/RAP? (Yes/No)	Project implemented within the framework of	Timeframe	Partners involved	Overall budget
1. Water use optimization	Yes	NAP	2005	Local Government of West Nusa Tenggara (NTB), University	Approximately IDR 50 million
2. Forest and Land Rehabilitation (RHL) programme	Yes	NAP	Every year	Local Government	Approx. IDR 4 trillion annually
3. National Movement of Forest and Land Rehabilitation (GNRHL)	Yes	NAP	2003-2007	Local communities, Private companies	IDR 9 trillion
4. Embung (small reservoir) based agriculture	Yes	NAP	2002-2004	Local government of Nusa Tenggara Timur (NTT) province	IDR 300 million
5. Enhancing food security through maize and horticultural development in the border of Indonesia – Timor Leste	Yes	NAP	2002-2003	Local government of Belu district	IDR 170 million
6. Cendana (<i>Santalum album</i> L.) based agroforestry development in NTT province	Yes	NAP	2002-2006	Local government of Belu, Rote-Ndao, and Ngada district	IDR 500
7. Assessment of Gewang (<i>Corypha utan</i> Lamk.) domestication in savana of NTT province	Yes	NAP	2005-2006	Local government of Belu district	IDR 480 million

IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

1. Focal point institution

Name of Focal Point	Naser Moghaddasi	
Address	No131- Deputy of FRWO for rangelands and soil –Western Zartosht street. Tehran I.R.of Iran	
Email	E-mail : ccd_nfp@frw.org.ir	
Country- specific websites relating to desertification	www.frw.org.ir www.rifr-ac.ir www.scwmri.ac.ir www.iranswri.com www.soiliran.org www.wrm.or.ir www.wri.ac.ir	www.irimet.net www.cenesta.org www.smisagh.com www.irandoe.org www.iut.ir.deprtment.php www.yazduni.ac.ir/mainpage/research/ddri

2. Status of national action programme (NAP) (Please provide information relevant to the status in your country only)

Date of validation: 2004	Body/institution/Government which validated the NAP: The National Committee to combat desertification (NCCD)	
NAP reviews:	Green Consultants (first draft)	1998
	The Institute for Rural Development of Iran (NGO) 2nd draft. In this review thirty workshops were held with cooperation of community-based organizations (CBOs) at national level in desert provinces throughout the country	2001
	Global Mechanism (GM) Consultancy mission to Iran: Mr. Alexander Cote and Mr. Yousef Brahim	2002
	GM consultancy mission to Iran (Dr Tijan Jallow) and finalization and validation of the NAP	2004
	A national review of the NAP for inclusion in the Fourth Five Year development Programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran.	2004
	GEF consultancy programme in the format of UNDP/GEF Capacity Building for the implementation of the NAP that led to the consultative workshop in cooperation with government agencies, universities, NGOs and CBOs	2005
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	Yes. The principles have been integrated in the Fourth Five Year Development Programme of the country	2005
NAP implementation has started with or without the inclusions of partnership agreements	National level: NAP implementation has started in coordination with relevant ministries and organizations, which are also member to the National Executive Committee (NEC). In this context NAP has been integrated into partnership agreement has been signed with the Ministry of Petroleum, the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Roads and Transportation, the University of Tehran and also NGOs such as Astnghods	

	<p>Organization for the implementation of the NAP.</p> <p>International level:</p> <p>Decisions were adopted between Forest, Range and Watershed Management Organization (FRWO) and donor countries for the conclusion of partnership agreements with little success. However, FRWO has so far concluded some partnership agreements in the form of joint international projects with GEF and UNDP in recent years</p>	
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	The NAP principles and objectives with regard to poverty reduction is incorporated in the Outlook Programme of the I.R.of IRAN (2005-2025)	

3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP) (please provide information where appropriate)

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework		
1	TPN3	Hosting Thematic Programme Network for Rangeland Management including Sand Dune Fixation
2	TPN4	Membership in the Thematic Programme Network on Water Management
3	TPN1	Membership in the Thematic Programme Network on Monitoring and Evaluation
4	TN1 (SRAP)	Water Resources Inventory and Database in cooperation with International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)
5	TN2 (SRAP)	Vegetation Cover in cooperation with the Arab Centre for the Study of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD)

4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB)

	Name of institution	Government	NGO	male/female
1	Office NFP / Forest Range and Watershed Management Organization (FRWO)	✓	---	60 M 20 F

FRWO designated as the NCB for the issues related to the Convention, formulation and implementation of the NAP. FRWO under the Ministry of Jihad Agriculture of Iran is an autonomous technical government body that undertakes the responsibility of planning, administrating and executing programmes in the field of natural resources.

5. Total number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited to the process

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification established if yes, how many NGOs, CBOs partnership in it?	There are 350 active NGOs in the field of environment which about 150 NGOs are active in Arid and Semi-arid area. The CENSETA and SERAT MISAGH are NGOs Accredited in COPs of UNCCD. The network of NGOs are working with the CBOs in the area of capacity building in NAP implementation
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6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to UNCCD:

Name up to five most relevant acts and laws/regulations

	Title of the law	Date of adoption
1-	Ratification of the UNCCD in parliament	1996
2-	Ratification of the UNFCCC in parliament	
3-	Ratification of the UNCBD in parliament	1995
4-	Ratification of the Third five years development Plan (2000-2005)	2000
5-	Ratification of the Forth five years development Plan (2005-2010) which contains some articles of NAP	2005

7. The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD

Official of the partnership	Donors, International Organizations	Date of conclusion
Support for the elaboration of a National Framework for UNCCD implementation in the Islamic Republic of Iran	Global Mechanism (GM)	2002
Integrated management of water resources in Urmieh watershed	Holland	2003
Integrated Management of Sistan Water Resources	Holland	2003

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation

	Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the United Nations system involved
1	Regional Workshop on the Role of Women in Watershed Conservation and Environmental Protection	2004		United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
2	Near East and Africa Regional Workshop on Sustainable Urban, Peri Urban Forestry and green Species Development	2003		Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
3	Best Practices on Sand Dune Fixation and Rangeland Management	2002		UNCCD
4	Twenty-sixth FAO Regional Conference for the Near East	2002		FAO
5	National Workshop on Assessment and Measurement of Plan Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management	2002		FAO
6	Near East Regional Workshop: How to Achieve Sustainable Forest Management in Low Forest Cover Countries	2002		

7	The Launching Meeting of the Asian Thematic Programme Network on Rangeland Management including Sand Dune Fixation	2001		UNCCD
8	Regional Symposium on Sustainable Development of Desert Communities	2000		United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
9	The Fourteenth Near East Commission on Forestry	2000		FAO
10	Workshop on Capacity Building for implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification 1998			United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

8. Name up to 10 projects currently under implementation which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

	Name of projects	Project implemented with the framework of the NAP/SRAP/RAP	Project implemented within the framework of the...	Time frame	Partner involved	Overall budget (USD)
1	Carbon Sequestration in the Desertified Rangelands of Hossein Abad	Yes		2003-2009	UNDP	1709939
2	Sustainable Management of Land and Water Resources Hableh Roud Basin (phase 2)	Yes		2005-2010	UNDAF	1200000
3	The Study on Range Management in Shahmirzad-Semnan Iran	Yes		2003-2005	FRWO-UNCCD	
4	The Study on Application of Water Absorbents	Yes		2004-2005	FRWO UNCCD	200000
5	Benchmark and indicators of desertification in the Islamic Republic of Iran	Yes		2004-2007	FRWO	200000
6	Integrated management of water resources in Urmieh watershed	No	Bilateral agreement between Islamic Republic of Iran and the Netherlands	2003-2006	Holland Natural Resources, DELFT Holland Institute and Iran Institute for Water Research	720000
7	Integrated Management of Sistan Water Resources	No	Bilateral agreement between Islamic Republic of Iran and the Netherlands	2003-2006	Holland DELFT Institute and Iran Institute for Water Research	720000

KAZAKHSTAN

1. Organizations carrying out coordination functions:

Title	The National Center to Combat Desertification
Address, including e-mail address	29 Druzhby str., 001000 Astana, Kazakhstan secretariat_astana@ok.kz
Websites related to desertification in Kazakhstan	1. www.nature.kz 2. www.caresd.net/capacity 3. http://s1p.narod.ru/School/Eko_pages/april_2003.htm

2. National action programme (NAP):

Date of approval	24 January 2005
NAP Consideration	Approved by the Governmental Decree of the Republic of Kazakhstan
NAP was considered in the Strategy of Poverty Reduction (SPR)	No
NAP was considered in the National Development Strategy	Yes
Realization of NAP started with/without conclusion of partnership agreement	No
Approval of the NAP is expected in the future	No
The final NAP is available	Yes
NAP is under development	No
Basic guidelines for NAP are developed	No
The process started	No
Process is not started	No

3. Participant of subregional action programme for Central Asian countries to combat desertification and drought (SRAP CD/RAPSD):

Title of the base document on subregional and/or regional cooperation	Actual participation on such themes, as methods of watershed, soil erosion, etc.
1. Central Asia Countries Initiative on Land Management	Sustainable Land Management

4. Structure of the national coordinating body (NCB):

The title of the establishment	The Governmental organization (√)	HIIO (√)	Men/Women
1. The Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Kazakhstan	√		

5. General number of NGO received accreditation for participation in this process:

Whether NGO National co-coordinating committee on desertification is established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society involved?	No
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6. General number of adopted acts and laws related to UNCCD: 29

Name no more than five most actual laws and/or normative acts

No	Law	Date of adoption
1	The Land Code	20 June 2003
2	The Water Code	9 July 2003
3	The Forest Code	8 July 2003
4	Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan “On the Concept of Environmental Safety of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2004-2015”	3 December 2003
5	Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan “On the State program on rural development of the Republic Kazakhstan for 2004-2010 ”	10 July 2003

7. Consultation process:

Number of partnership agreements concluded and/or initiated within the UNCCD:

Official name of the partner	Donors, international organizations and/or participating establishments of United Nations system	Date of the prospective conclusion of the agreement
Central Asia Countries Initiative on Land Management		

The list of advisory meetings related to realization of UNCCD:

The name of advisory meeting	Date/year	Participating countries donors	Participating international organizations or establishments of United Nations system
1. Donor conference on resources mobilization to solve the topical environmental problems	9-10 June 2004		Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development, UNDP, Regional Environment Centre for Central Asia (REC CA), ADB
2. The First National seminar in Kazakhstan on realization of the Central Asia Countries Initiative on Land Management	1-2 June 2005		Asian Development Bank (ADB), UNDP, World Bank, GTZ, REC CA, Technical Assistance for the Commonwealth of Independent States (TACIS), International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA), GM
3. The National seminar on development and estimation of elements of synergy planning among RIO conventions	10-13 August 2004		Secretariat of UNCCD, UNDP, GM

The country acting as a leading partner: _____

8. Name up to 10 ongoing projects directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD:

Title of the Project	The project is implemented within the frames of NAP/SRAP/RAP	The Project is carried out within the frames of ...	Terms of realization	Participating partners	Total budget United States dollars (millions)
1. The Project on Dry Lands management	NAP		2004 – up to present time	Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP), WB, GEF	9.5
2. The system of information and monitoring control of the environment for sustainable land use			2004 – up to present time	MEP, ADB	0.600
3. Stabilization of the Aral sea in the Central Asia – version for continuation from 2006 for financial cooperation and co-financing (continuation of the project of Aral sea in Uzbekistan)				Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) of Uzbekistan, Administration of Kyzylorda oblast	
4. Restoration of pasture ecosystems		GEF Small Grants Programs	2005-2007	UNDP, MA	0,300
5. Balanced land use Ili-Balkhash basin			2002-2004	GTZ CCD, MEP, REC CA	
6. Improvement of irrigational and drainage system				IBRD	100
7. National capacity self-assessment for global environmental management			2004-2005	UNDP, MEP	0.225
8. Forest conservation and increase of forest areas of the republic			2006-2011	IBRD, GEF, Committee of Forestry and Hunting (CFH MA)	63,8

KIRIBATI

Institutional arrangements

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Country-specific websites relating to desertification	

Status of National Action Programme (NAP)

Kiribati is currently developing a NAP with support from the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). A local consultant has been engaged to facilitate the process and develop the draft NAP document. Initial consultations have begun, a work plan has been established for the development of the NAP and main features of the NAP have been identified.

Expected date of completion of 1 st draft	End of June 2006
Planned date for the validation workshop	Mid-July 2006
Planned date for submission of the final report to the UNCCD Secretariat	End of July 2006
Expected main features of the NAP	
<p>The Kiribati NAP is expected to have the following features: Land degradation and drought mitigation in the context of a small atoll country. Preventative measures, particularly the promotion of livelihood activities and the promotion of eco-friendly agricultural practices and development activities. Organic farming, population control, strengthening early warning systems, establishing resettlement schemes and growth centres, resource mobilization strategy, communication strategy and joint implementation agreements.</p>	

Composition of the National Coordinating Committee (NCC)

The NCC has a total of members and is chaired by Deputy Secretary, MELAD

Name of Member	Agency	Male/Female
Rikiaua Teroroko	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development (MELAD)	Male
Tebutonga Ereatia	Director, Lands Division	Male
Eita Metai	Director, Public Works Department	Male
Nuntaake Tokamauea	Planning Officer, Nation Planning Office	Female
Roota Tetaake	Agriculture Officer, Agriculture Division	Female
Tererei Abete Reema	Director, Environment and Conservation Division	Female
Farran Redfern	Acting Deputy Director, Environment and Conservation Division	Male
Kautoa Tonganibeia	National Coordinator, Environment and Conservation Division	Male
Mike Foon	Secretariat, Environment and Conservation Division	Male

Subregional Action Programme (SRAP)

The Pacific Subregion has yet to develop a SRAP. Kiribati will be participating in a Pacific subregional workshop planned for August 2006 and aimed at initiating consultations for the development of a SRAP.

Non-governmental organization (NGO) involvement in the NAP process

The NGO community in Kiribati is coordinated by the Kiribati Association of NGOs (KANGO). NGOs are being consulted in the process of development of the NAP as well as in the national capacity self-assessment (NCSA) and sustainable land management (SLM). There is an increasing involvement of NGOs in activities related to combating land degradation and their active work at the community level makes them a very important stakeholder.

Laws and acts passed relating to the UNCCD

Name of Act or Law	Date passed
1: Environment Act 1999	2000
2: Foreshore and Reclamation Ordinance	1977
3: Land Planning Ordinance	1977
4: Special Fund (Waste Material Recovery Act)	2004
5: Local Government Act	1984
6: Public Utilities Ordinance	1977
7: Public Highways Protection	1989
8: Public Health Ordinance	1926
9: Customs Act	2005

The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been established within the context of the UNCCD.

Title of partnership	Partners involved	Date of expected conclusion
Medium-sized project consultancy	Queensland University of Technology	14 July 2006
NAP Consultancy	Local Consultant	14 July 2006

Consultation meetings relating to the UNCCD

Name of meeting	Date	Partners involved
National Coordinating Committee	2 March 2006, 9 March 2006, 24 March 2006, 2 May 2006, 12 June 2006	Planning office, Lands Division, Public Works Department, Agriculture Division, MELAD

Stakeholders Committee	14 March 2006	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Communication, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, Housing Manager, KHC, Chief Councillor, BTC, University of the South Pacific, Senior Women Development Officer, Women Association, Tokatarawa, Unimanen Tarawa Society Catholic National Representative Kiribati Protestant Church, KPC, Mormon National Representative, Bahai National Representative, Agriculture Division, Lands Division, Public Works Division,
Inception Workshop	16-17 May 2006	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Communication, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, Housing Manager, KHC, Chief Councillor, BTC, University of the South Pacific, Senior Women Development Officer, Women Association, Tokatarawa, Unimanen Tarawa Society Catholic National Representative, Kiribati Protestant Church, KPC, Mormon National Representative, Bahai National Representative, Agriculture Division, Lands Division, Public Works Division, youth club, public enterprises, private enterprises, factories, Mobil Company

Projects under way that are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

Title of Project	Partners involved	Duration	Budget
GEF-UNDP Sustainable Land Management Project	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Communication, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, Housing Manager, KHC, Chief Councillor, BTC, University of the South Pacific, Senior Women Development Officer, Women Association, Tokatarawa, Unimanen Tarawa Society Catholic National Representative, Kiribati Protestant Church, KPC, Mormon National Rep, Bahai National Representative, Agriculture Division, Lands Division, Public Works Division	2 years	USD 25,000

Asian Development Bank study on mainstreaming environment into national decision making processes	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Works and Public Utilities, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Office of the President, Public Service Office, Attorney General's Office, Lands Division, Environment Division, Ministry of Education, Tourism Office		
SAPHE project (on improved water, sanitation and electricity)	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Works and Public Utilities, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Office of the President, Public Service Office, Attorney General's Office, Lands Division, Environment Division	6 years	USD 10,000,000
European Union aggregate mining project	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Works and Public Utilities, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Office of the President, Public Service Office, Attorney General's Office, Lands Division, Environment Division		
Food and Agriculture Organization food security project	Local farmers, MISA, Commerce, KOFA, FSP, AMAK	2 years	
South Pacific GeoScience Forum sustainable agriculture project			
Republic of China (Taiwan) organic farming project			
Global Programme of Action of the Marine Environment from the land based activities	Health Department, Public Works, Public Utilities Board, Housing Corporation	8 months	USD 25,000

KYRGYZSTAN

Table 1

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Country-specific web-sites relating to desertification	1. www.water.kg 2. www.caresd.net 3. www.lark.kg 4. www.cares.kg 5. www.riod-kyrgyzstan.net

The National Action Plan (NAP-CCD) of the Kyrgyz Republic was approved in December 2000. Kyrgyzstan has actively pursued a number of activities to combat land degradation, though with

mixed results. There are few concrete investment programmes¹ to address the priority areas highlighted in the NAP. While a range of programmes are financed as a part of government agencies' routine activities, the most visible responses to environmental protection and management needs are those involving international cooperation. National Programming Framework on land management for the period 2006-2016 was accepted with donors' assistance for NAP development in February 2006. Table 2 demonstrates data on current status of NAP:

Current status of NAP

Table 2

Date of NAP validation: 8 December 2000	Body/institution/Government level which validated the NAP: Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry of Kyrgyz Republic
NAP review(s)	28 of October 1999
NAP has been integrated into the National Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (NPRSP)	Elements of NAP were included in NPRS till 2005. Now NAP is processed into National Programme Framework (NPF) in 2006-2016. Inclusion into National Development Strategy is processed.
NAP/NPF has been integrated into national development strategy	No, but currently under way
NAP/NPF implementation has started with or without conclusions of partnership agreement	Yes, Strategic Partnership Agreement was concluded in 2003.
Ratification of NAP/NPF is remained in future	Approval of NPF is awaited mid-2006
Final draft of NAP/NPF exists	Yes
Formulation of a draft NAP/NPF is under way	Yes. It is supplemented with additional project conceptions.
Basic guidelines for a NAP/NPF have been established	Yes. Priority actions are identified, mechanisms of participation, co-ordination and financing are worked through
Process has only been initiated	Yes
Process has not yet started	No

At present time the National Programming Framework on Land Resources Management (2006-2016) in framework of Central Asian Countries Initiative for Land Management (CACILM) is going through an approval stage on governmental level. It foresees strengthening activity's coordination of the local executive powers and donor agencies in the field to combat land degradation and sustainable land and water resources management on programme base. Logical layout of NPF project realization is presented in the figure 1 and in the annex 3.

The Kyrgyz Republic's NPF is a comprehensive program to address the serious challenge of land degradation and the need for sustainable management of land, water, and natural resources

¹ Now investment programmes including convention purposes are: Comprehensive Development Framework till 2010, National Poverty Reduction Strategy till 2005 (renewed by Country Development Framework till 2015), National Forest Concept till 2005, and Agrarian Policy Concept till 2010.

in the country. Earlier post-independence efforts to control land degradation did not succeed because of lack of a coherent and cross-sectoral approach, weak policy and institutional framework, lack of management capacity, and inadequate resources. The overall result has been loss of ecological and economic productivity of land. Attaining sustainable land management (SLM) will involve overcoming the weaknesses in current land management practices, i.e.

- (i) weak system of expansion and transfer of technology, knowledge, and market information;
- (ii) continuation of monoculture, without crop rotation or exploitation of diversification opportunities, such as growing legumes;
- (iii) inadequate access to markets and credit support;
- (iv) lack of private sector involvement in service provision;
- (v) slowdown of agricultural research due to decline in research infrastructure; and
- (vi) lack of enabling incentive framework.

The NPF takes into account the lessons from this situation in specifying a set of priorities for action that include measures to:

- (i) strengthen policy, legislative, and institutional frameworks aimed at creating an enabling environment for SLM, including at the local level;
- (ii) build the capacity of the major agencies responsible for planning and implementing activities on land resource management; and
- (iii) promote systemic and sustainable improvements of land, water, and natural resource management through project investments, within the framework of local programs of social and economic development, and national strategies for poverty reduction and growth.

The indicative cost of the programme at the initial stage of CACILM implementation is USD 68,345 million, with much of the initial cost to be financed by grant resources from potential donor agencies, and incremental costs requested mainly from the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

During the period of joining and ratification of the Convention (1997) all organizational work was held with initiative of Kyrgyz Scientific-Research Institute of Irrigation at Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry. In this period all grounds for joining were being prepared: meetings and workshops were held, social economic factors of desertification were examined, national action plan to combat desertification was worked out. In the year 1999 the Coordinating Council was founded at the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry. It included representatives of all stakeholders.

In the year 2004 was created a Working Group on Partnership Development for UNCCD Implementation (PWG-CCD) including representatives of the Jogorku Kenesh, ministries of Agriculture and Water Resources, Emergency, Economy and Finance, State Agency of Environmental Protection and Forest Service, State Agency on Registration of the real Estate Ownership, international network of NGOs for desertification (RIOD) NGOs in Kyrgyzstan and a number of international donor-organizations. UNCCD Working Group functions in the framework of the Partnership Strategic Agreement in Central Asia, adopted in Geneva in 2001. Composition of UNCCD Working Group is shown in the table 3.

Composition of the National Coordinating Body (NCB)

Table 3

Name of institution		Government (√)	NGO (√)	Male/ Female
1.	Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry and its subdivisions	√. Chairman of NCB - Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources of Kyrgyz Republic		Male
2.	Kyrgyz Scientific-Research Institute of Irrigation (KSRII)	√. UNCCD Focal Point – director of KSRII, vice-chairman NCB		Male
3.	Department of Water resources and its subdivisions	√.		Male
4.	Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic (Parliament)	√.		Male
5.	State Agency of Environmental Protection and Forest Service and its subdivisions	√.		Male/Female
6.	State Agency on Registration of the real Estate Ownership and its subdivisions	√.		Male/Female
7.	Ministry of Emergencies and its subdivisions	√.		Male/Female
8.	Local self-government	√.		Male/Female
9.	Water Users Associations (WUAs)	Chairman of WUAs	√.	Male
10.	Rural Advisory Service	√.		
11.	NGO “SOS – Land”		√.	Male/Female
12.	RIOD network		√.	Male/Female
13.	Tourism Academy	√.		Male/ Female
14.	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)			Male/Female
15.	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)			Male/Female
16.	GTZ			Male/Female
17.	International Centre for Agricultural Research on Dry Areas (ICARDA)			Male/Female

The table clearly shows that CCD PWG has the full spectrum of stakeholders including donor and international organizations. Also process of NAP implementation in Kyrgyzstan places big emphasis on involving farmers, their associations (as WUAs) and NGOs. In this aspect legislative sphere favours such participation. Now the National Coordinating Committee (NCC), RIOD network on desertification was established in Kyrgyzstan and almost 40 NGOs will take part in it. Institutes and other governmental bodies, specialized in the sphere of land and water resource management, NPF participants including representatives from 7 republics are at last being joined together with NGOs and private structures into a fund with a view to realize a principle of integrated land and water resource management. It will be a consortium on locally integrated land and water management (ZEM-CONSULT) which is urged to implement

realization of activities in the frameworks of UNCCD complex projects and technical project revision.

Providing sustainable land management. Attempt and experiments in land resources management during post-soviet period saving the main principles of the post-soviet management influenced negatively but at the same time exerted a huge influence upon the formation of optimal institutional structure for sustainable land resources management. Agriculture as well as other fields requires reconstruction in compliance with liberal rules of market economy. For realization of these requirements the Kyrgyz Republic carries out a search of flexible and efficient frames in the field of land resources management in the following currents:

- Correction of management policy in agriculture and environmental protection.
- Reorganization of institutional management system, tendency towards sustainable land resources management.
- Motivation of farmers and land users to sensible attitude toward degradation and increasing land productivity for farming purposes.
- Alleviate connection between poverty, migration, inhabitants' unemployment and land productivity reduction.

Now Kyrgyzstan has more than 20 laws, concerning UNCCD implementation and realizes their improvement. Table 4 shows normative-legal acts, which are urgent for convention implementation.

5 most urgent laws and normative-legal acts

Table 4

	Title of the law	Date of adoption
1.	Land Code and Water Code	1999 (2003)
2.	Environment protection Law of KR	2001
3.	KR Law "About agricultural land management"	2001
4.	Decree of KR Government "About monitoring of agricultural land "	1999
5.	Law on "Local State Administration and Local Self-Government"	2002

There are 2 new documents on sectoral policy related to SLM. The first one is a Law of KR President "New directions and measures of land and agrarian reform" (17 April 2004). The midpoint is a shift to wide-ranging development of cooperative association, farmer economy and cooperative agrarian enterprises with strengthening support of structures and services. The second document is "Agrarian Policy Concept of Kyrgyz Republic till 2010". This document puts sustainable land management (SLM) in a wider context of agrarian development and poverty reduction, examines issues of land, plants and pastures protection for prevention of land productive deterioration and water resources protection. It will be achieved by establishing a normative-legal base to stimulate sustainable land resources management and also by an institutional reform of water issues with decentralization of management, transmission economic functions to territorial and municipal level and private sector. Document also emphasizes necessity of cattle breeding development: "Taking into account a fact that cattle breeding is a traditional profitable agricultural activity in Kyrgyzstan and allowing its relatively easy technology and availability of highly productive pastures the intensive raise of livestock is presumed".

For formation of sustainable strategy of financial assets search for CCD implementation in the Central Asia, Global Mechanism of CCD has collected a group of the stakeholders which have expressed desire to work in common in the Central Asian countries to achieve Convention purposes. These are GM, ADB, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), German technical cooperation (GTZ), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), International Centre of Agricultural Research on Dry Areas (ICARDA), UNDP which signed Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) in 2001. Later SPA joined UNDP and the World Bank.

The SPA chief task is to support Central Asian countries from the direction of donor partnership on UNCCD implementation. SPA supported Central Asian Countries Initiative for Land Management on 2006-2016 (CACILM) at the Sub-Regional Partnership Building Forum in Tashkent (June 2003) which is already realized in Kyrgyzstan. It is aimed at implementing coordinated actions on promotion of sustainable land resources management in Central Asia, reduction of land degradation and overcoming rural population poverty problem.

After submission of the second national report, the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Process Industry (MAWR&PI) of KR conducted energetic activities on participation of stakeholders and its enlargement² and carrying out consultations in priority directions (land degradation and sustainable land management). Table shows consultative meetings on country level.

List of consultative meetings of UNCCD implementation

Table 5

Name of consultative meeting	Date/Year	Donor countries involved	International organization or agencies of the United Nations system involved
National Forum of NAP adoption	2000		United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Meeting of Work Group (WG) at Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Process Industry of Kyrgyz Republic on development of activities coordination	18 February 2004	Asian Development Bank (ADB), German Technical Assistance (GTZ)	Global Mechanism (GM) of UNCCD, UNDP
Meeting of WG at Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Process Industry of Kyrgyz Republic on adoption of Central Asian Countries Initiative for Land Management	29 March 2004	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), ADB	GM of UNCCD, UNDP

² 4 consultative body meetings and 4 workshops on land resources management were held during 2002-2006

Workshop “Global Environment Conventions: Synergies at National level: Kyrgyzstan”	18-20 October 2004	UNCCD Secretariat, UNDP	Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF/SGP), UNDP, UNCCD Secretariat
Meeting of WG at Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Process Industry of Kyrgyz Republic on identification of Kyrgyz Republic priority directions in National Programming Framework	5 April 2005	ADB	UNDP
1st CACILM National Workshop	26 April 2005	ADB, Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), World Bank, ICARDA, USAID, Government of the United Kingdom, Department for International Development (DFID), SDC, GTZ	UNDP, GM of UNCCD, FAO
Meeting of WG at Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Process Industry of Kyrgyz Republic. Interim results in development of National Programming Framework	8 September 2005	ADB, SDC	UNDP
2nd CACILM National Workshop. Examination of preliminary results.	9-10 November 2005	ADB, ICARDA, SDC	UNDP, FAO
3rd CACILM National Workshop. Examination and recommendation for approval the NPF by the Kyrgyz Government.	6-7 February 2006	ADB, GTZ, JICA, SDC	UNDP, FAO

At present three major projects are being implemented in the framework of the NAP/ CACILM NPF: “Community-Based Rangeland Management in Temir Village” financed by the Canadian international development agency (CIDA), the Global Mechanism (GM), and the United Nations Organization Development Programme (UNDP). Other projects at the GEF approval stage are: “Integrated management of agriculture and land improvement” (ADB implementing agency) and “Mountain Pasture Management in Susamir Valley (Kyrgyzstan)” (UNDP implementing agency). Table 6 illustrates a list of project proposals which bear relation to UNCCD principles. Complete list of projects realized in Kyrgyz Republic is shown in annex 4.

Projects currently under implementation which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

Table 6

Name of the project	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/ SRAP/ RAP? (Yes/No)	Project implemented within the framework of...	Timeframe	Partners involved	Overall budget
Promotion of Trade and Service Cooperatives		NPRS	2003-2004 (extended)	GTZ	1,600
Organic Cotton Production and Trade Promotion Project		NPRS	2003--2006	SDC and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (seco)	0,300
Community –Based Rangeland Management in Temir village the Kyrgyz Republic	Yes		2005-2007	CIDA/GM/UN DP	0,213
Kyrgyz Swiss Forestry Support Programme		NPRS	1995--2007	SDC and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (seco)	15,000
Regional Project Support the Implementation of the UNCCD in Asia	Yes		2001-2007	BMZ/ GTZ Coordination Offices in Countries	5,200
Southern Agriculture Area Development and Project		CACILM	2006-2010	GEF/ADB	22,5
Mountain Pasture Management in Susamir Valley (Kyrgyzstan)		CACILM	2005-2010	GEF/UNDP	1,491
Kyrgyz agriculture support services project (RAS)		NPRS	1998-2006	SDC, WB, Swiss Government, United Kingdom Fund «Know-How»	30,2
On-Farm Irrigation Project		NPRS	2000-2007	WB	29,13
Improvement of water resources management Project			2006-2011	International Development Association (IDA), WB	19,0

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b) Details on the Status of National Action Programme (NAP):

NAP process	Status to date
NAP preparation	2002
NAP revision and consolidation by line ministries	January 2003
NAP finalization	April 2003
NAP validation by Ministry of Agriculture	May 2003
NAP launching	June 2003
Integration of NAP into Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRSP)	CDP and ESFD. PRSP does not yet exist as a document
NAP has been integrated into the National Development strategy	In progress
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnerships agreements	Yes
Expected NAP validation	10/2006
Final draft of a NAP exists	Yes

c) Membership of Subregional Action Programme (SRAP)/Regional Action Programme (RAP):

Name of SRAP/RAP	Involvement specifically in the following thematic network topics
1) SRAP-WA: Sub Regional Action Programme to Combat Desertification in West Asia	<u>TN1</u> : Sustainable water management <u>TN2</u> : Sustainable management of vegetation cover
2) RAP: Regional Action Programme for the Asian Countries	<u>TPN1</u> : Desertification Monitoring & Assessment <u>TPN2</u> : Agro-Forestry and Soil Conservation in Arid and Semi Arid and Dry Sub Humid Areas <u>TPN4</u> : Water Resources Management for Agriculture in Arid and Semi Arid dry sub humid areas <u>TPN6</u> : Assistance for Implementation of Integrated Local Areas Development Programmes Initiatives

d) Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB):

Name of institution	Governmental	International	Male /Female
1) Ministry of Agriculture	√		M
2) Ministry of Environment	√		F
3) Ministry of IM	√		M
4) Ministry of SA	√		M
5) Ministry of F	√		M
6) Ministry of EW	√		M
7) Contribution au développement rural (ONG-CDR)	√		M
8) Lebanese Agriculture Research Institute (LARI)	√		M
9) Litani Authority River (LAR)	√		M
10) Directorate General of Urban Planning (DGUP)			M
11) Green Plan	√		F
12) Lebanese University (LU)	√		M
13) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)		√	F
14) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)		√	M
15) German technical assistance (GTZ)		√	M

Ministries and public institutions constitute 81% of the NCB and the international institutions constitute 19%. Women make 19 % of the total NCB memberships. It is worth noting the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) are not part of the NCB. The explanation for this absence is that there is a difficulty to include a representative group in view of the size and diversity of this sector.

e) Number of Non-Governmental Organizations (Accredited to the NAP process):

In Lebanon there two NGOs accredited to the process of UNCCD implementation:

- a. Green Line Association
- b. Makhzoumi Foundation

However, there are a significant number of national and local groups like World Anti-Doping Drug Agency (WADA), AFDC, Mouawad Foundation

f) Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD:

Title of Law	Date of Adoption
Law 236 article 28 "National Budgeting	2001
Law 377 "Organization of Water Sector"	2001
Law 444 "Protection of Environment"	2002

g) The consultative process:

Five partnerships have been concluded and are still in progress

Official Title of Partnership	Partnership Support Agency	Status/Stage	Conclusion Date
Elaboration of NAP to Combat Desertification in Lebanon	GTZ	Concluded	2002
MoDeL (Combating Desertification in Lebanon)	GTZ	Concluded	2005
Implementation of NAP to Combat Desertification in Lebanon	UNDP	Ongoing	N/A
Implementation of NAP to Combat Desertification in Lebanon	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC/DDC)	On going	N/A
Implementation of UNCCD/SRAP (TN1) in Lebanon	SRAP-WA	Concluded	2006
Development of a Resource Mobilization Strategy for UNCCD/ NAP Implementation in Lebanon	Global Mechanism	On going	2005
Enhancing market opportunities and access for dry land products	(SDC/DDC)	Initiated	2006

h) Projects related to the UNCCD currently under implementation:

Implementation of ten projects related to the NAP process or to the UNCCD. The main focus of the projects includes facilitating and promoting sustainable development and poverty alleviation and sustainable management of natural resources especially in marginalized areas. These projects are implemented either by government alone or in partnership with international agencies.

Project Name	Project implementation framework NAP/SRAP/ RAP	Project Objectives	Time frame (years)	Partners	Budget (USD)
Project of NAP to Combat Desertification	NAP		4	MoA, UNDP, DDC, GTZ	285,000
MoDeL/CoDeM	NAP		3	GTZ, ACSAD	
National Reforestation Campaign	NAP	Reforestation	5	MoE	16 million
Reforestation of Eastern slopes of Eastern Mountains chain	NAP	Reforestation	3	MoA	
Regional Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Programme in the Near East	RAP	Sustainable Agriculture	2	Italian Cooperation FAO MoA	1,8 million (Total budget for 6 countries)

Agriculture Development Project	NAP	Sustainable Agriculture	3	ECC, MoA, IRAL Cooperatives	14.4 million
Ten Years Plan	NAP	Water Harvesting	10	MoEW CDR	
CDP	NAP	Poverty Alleviation		WB (loan)	20 million
ESFD	NAP	Poverty Alleviation		EU	25 million

MONGOLIA

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Whether there is country website available on Desertification?
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2. The national action programme (NAP)

Date of Ratification of the NAP
The NAP was initially approved by the Government of Mongolia decision 169 in July 1996. Since then the Programme was revised once in 2003 and ratified by decision 141. For the above revised elaboration were involved organizations, namely, the Ministry of Nature and Environment, the national coordinating body (NCB), relevant Ministries and scientific research organizations and NGOs. The implementation period of the objectives of the NAP were set in three stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase 1 (2003-2007): Background evaluation of current desertification, strengthening of legal environment combating desertification, capacity-building, and preparatory complex issues to be raised for adaptation policy elaboration and its implementation - Phase 2 (2008-2011): Conduct monitoring over the desertification impact, capacity-building for adaptation, rehabilitation of vulnerable regions strongly affected, thus to weaken the desertification tempo - Phase 3 (2012 and further): Start to use the full capacity of the mechanism to decrease negative impact of desertification, evaluate preliminary results of the adaptation policy.
Revision Dates
Government decision 141 of 2003

Whether the NAP is reflected in the National Poverty Alleviation Strategy documents?
-No. The NAP objectives are set that desertification combat activities to be more involving citizen, companies and enterprises, organizations and stakeholders participation. Consequently, the NAP contains set of activities, such as to establish desertification combat center, capacity building for local organizations, training and public awareness, provide assistance to improve and support the livelihood of those residing in the affected regions and localities, to involve public, enabled with promotional mechanism as well. Thus, a separate component of activities were dedicated to employ people from vulnerable households in the affected areas for plantation and forestation activities so that they get support in the form of temporary job but also they would be the ones who will look after the trees and bush they have planted in their localities.
Whether the NAP is reflected in the National Development Strategy documents?
17 of the NAP goals were reflected in the Government General Strategy in the field of Nature and Environment National Programme, as well as Socio-Economic Development Strategy, and the Special Protected Area's National Programme, and the National Programme on Forestry, as per by the year of 2002; while Strategic Documents were elaborated in 2003, are containing: Action Plans in connection to the last Summit on Sustainable Development, as well as Water National Programme, revised Special Protected Area's National Programme, National Programme on Forestry, and Public Education Programme on Ecology. In order to meet the goals of the NAP, a Medium Term Strategy and the "Nature Conservation and Sustainable Natural Resource Utilization Programme" are directed towards maintenance of ecological balance, are reflected in the National Development Programme of the Country towards 2021.
Whether the NAP is being implemented in accordance with the cooperation agreements?
-Yes.
The date of the NAP was ratified?
2003 The revised NAP was set in a short, medium, and a long term schedule as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short term (2003-2007) - Medium (2008-2011) - Long (2012 and further)
Whether the NAP has its final version?
We do have.
Whether the NAP is being developed currently?
The NAP has been developed and being implemented.
Whether the NAP has its manual for implementation?
We do have.
Whether the process is only in its initial development stage?
-No. The NAP on Combating Desertification is being implemented at its initial stage, according to its set goals and activity plans.
Whether the activities have not started yet?
The NAP on Combating Desertification is being implemented at its initial stage, according to its set goals and activity plans.

3. Whether the country has membership of regional and subregional programmes?

Whether the country has membership regional and subregional programmes?
<p>Mongolia has been actively involved in the regional and subregional programmes below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Within the framework of Regional Programme Asia, the country is in charge of the implementation of the thematical programme “Drought impact reduction, and capacity strengthening for combating desertification”. 2. Within the framework of North-East Asia cooperation in the field of Nature & Environment, the country is taking part in the project “Impacts on Landcover and Land Management”. 3. Within the framework of cooperation with North-East Asia Association to Combat Desertification (NGO), a small scale project on Mitigating Desertification in Mongolia; and the project on Reducing Air pollution in Ulaanbaatar municipal area.

4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB) (Whether represented by the Government or Civil Society Organizations? Please indicate the gender of the representatives

Organization	Government	NGO	Male/Female
Ministry of Nature and Environment, Mongolia	√		male
Ministry of Food and Agriculture	√		
Ministry of Social Welfare and Labour	√		
Ministry of Finance	√		
Agency for Land Management, Geodecy, and Cadastre Mapping	√		
Ministry of Education, Culture and Science	√		
Academy of Science		√	male

5. Number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) involved

Whether NCB has been established. If yes, how many NGOs and representatives of the civil society have been involved in the process of forming above organization?
The NCB has been established.

6. What number of legislations is available with regard to implementing UNCCD?

Legislation names	Date of Ratification	Enacted since
Law on Land (1994 revised edition)	2002.06.07	2003.01.01
Nature and Environment Conservation Law	1995.03.30	2003.01.02
Special Protected Area Law	1994.11.15	2003.01.02
Water Law	1995.04.13	2003.01.02
Law on Forestry	1995.03.31	2003.01.02
Law on Protection of Flora	1996.03.22	2002.11.28
Law on Minerals	1997.06.05	2003.01.02

7. Consultation activities

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD (please provide information where appropriate):

Countries	Content	Type of Legal Document	Date of establishment	Validity dates
Republic of Korea	Cooperation Agreement between the Ministry of Nature and Environment, Mongolia, and the Ministry of Nature and Environment, Republic of Korea	agreement	2000-09-04	Prolonged automatically every 5 years
Germany	Cooperation Contract between The Strictly Protected Area of Great Gobi, Mongolia, and the Zoopark, Krefeld, Germany	contract	-	-
United States of America	Contract on Transfer of Equipment for Remote Sensing Centre between the Minister of Nature and Environment, Mongolia, and, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), USA	contract		-
France	Cooperation development agreement between the Minister of Nature and Environment, Mongolia, and, the Minister of Environment, France in the field of Nature and Environment.	agreement	1997-03-24	-
Iran	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) issued during the 11th Regional Climate Association of Asia, between Mr. Ts.Adiyasuren, Minister of Nature and Environment, Mongolia, and Mr. A.M. Norian, First Deputy-Mnister, Road and Transportation, Islamic Republic of Iran	MoU	1996-10-03	-
Russia	Agreement between the Ministry of Nature and Environment, Mongolia, and the Forest Service, Russian Federation, on Cooperation in the Forestry field	agreement	1995-04-05	Prolonged automatically every 5 years
People's Republic of China	Agreement to cooperate on experimenting the plantation supporter "Drazil" within framework of Greenbelt programme, between Mr. Ykhanbai, Head, Forestry Policy Coordination Department, MNE, Mongolia, and Mr. Wu Sheng Li, Director of Board, Mingkung Co., Ltd, Hei Lun Jang Province, P.R. China	agreement	2005-04-29	-

- Number of National Consultation Meetings with regard to implementation of the UNCCD (Please provide informations as per appropriate parts)

A. TRAININGS, SEMINARS

No.	Activities	Dates	Participant number	Length	Financed Organizations
1.	Forestry and market information exchange capacity improvement	2005.10.24-10.28	1	5 days	United Nations
2.	Transboundary environment impact evaluation	2005.10.17-10.21	6	5 days	
3.	Capacity strengthening for nature protectors/inspectors	August 1-6 Bulgan Province Teshig soum, Khuvsgol province Erdenebulgan soum	38	6 days	Nature Protection Fund for Mongolia
4.	“ Natural Resources to be used appropriate way at allowed level” seminar	November 8-9 Ulaanbaatar	50	2 days	Nature Protection Fund for Mongolia
5.	Pasture and Natural Resources Management Training \ at 5 cooperatives \, “Khotont” soum	April 15-17, September 4-6	125	5	Project on Sustainable Management of Common Natural Resources
6.	Pasture and Natural Resources Management Training \ at 4 cooperatives \ “Lun” soum	September 15-19	80	4	Project on Sustainable Management of Common Natural Resources
7.	Pasture and Natural Resources Management Training \ at 7 cooperatives \ “Deluun” soum	September 22-29	245	7	Project on Sustainable Management of Common Natural Resources
8.	Training on Sustainable Management of Common Natural Resources /among the project reeseachers/	January 22	30	1	Project on Sustainable Management of Common Natural Resources
9.	GPS Training for Database Staff, Cooperative Management Team, Soum level	March 11-13	10	3	Project on Sustainable Management of Common Natural Resources
10.	Quantative and Qualitative Training on Natural Resources Management	May 30-31	25	2	Project on Sustainable Management of Common Natural Resources
11.	Educational Policy Strategy for Eco Awareness	2005.06.05-2005.06.08	15	3 days	German AGENCY for Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

12.	“Forest cleaning manual – exhibitory training for Common ownership unities”	2005.07.25-2005.07.30	71	6 days	GTZ
13.	Exhibitory Training for Industrial Timber supply Enterprise Units	2005.08.18-2005.08.21	88	4 days	GTZ
14.	Environmental Control Management Capacity Building Project seminar	2005.11.30-2005.12.01			GTZ
15.	“Local governance and natural resources management” seminar, Darhan /2nd largest city, MNG/	2005.04.12- 13	36	2 days	GTZ
16.	“Forestry staff training programme development seminar” /twice/	2005-06-23-27	16	5 days	GTZ
17.	Plantation Training in Gobi Region	June, October 2005	30	2 days	Great Gobi Project
18.	GIS basic phase training	December 2005	15	2 days	Great Gobi Project
B. CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS					
1.	Forestry Governance and Legislation implementation in Europe and North Asia	2005.6.6-6.8	1	3 days	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
2.	“Eco Asia” - 13th Regional Congress in Asia Pacific	2005.6.4-6.5	1	1 day	UNEP
3.	World Environment Summit	2005.2.21-2.26	2	6 days	UNEP
4.	“Environment and Trade issues in the Asia Pacific Economies”	2005.6.14-6.16	2	3 days	United Nations
5.	Responsibilities of Local Authorities to enable Sustainable Development	2005.11.14-11.18	1	5 days	United Nations
6.	7 th Meeting of UNCCD Parties	2005.10.17-10.28	1	11 days	UNEP
7.	11 th Regional Meeting of Nature & Environment Specialists in North East Asia	2005.10.26-10.27	1	2 days	UNEP
8.	Mongolia-China Transboundary Water Joint Commission Second Meeting	2005.12.14-12.19	6	6 days	Government

Country name fulfilled the responsibility of the *Chef de file* (please provide information at respective sections): -Japan, R.O.Korea

8. Please list up to 10 projects that are connected to UNCCD either directly or indirectly at national level.

No	Projects	Whether Projects are implemented at National/ Subregional/ level?	Project framework	Time	Parties	Total budget, thousand United States dollars
1	Prevention of Sand and Dust Storm in North East Asia, master plan for regional monitoring**	Regional	Sand and Dust Storm monitoring	2003-2005	ADB Government of Japan, GEF	1000.0
2	Conservation of Bio Diversity of Eastern Mongolia, to support sustainable livelihood development*	National	Conservation of biodiversity to support sustainable livelihood development	1998-2005	GEF UNDP	6174.0
3	Conservation of Ecosystem of Great Gobi and its umbrella species *	National	Conservation of biodiversity	2000/2003-2007	GEF UNDP	25.0 / 979.0
4	Combat desertification by improving pastoral management*	National	Combat desertification	2000-2003	GTZ-German Technical Cooperation	580.0
5	Combating desertification in Asia*	Regional	Implement the National Programme to Combat desertification	2000-	ADB UNCCD Secretariat	450.0
6	Rural Poverty Alleviation project *	National	Combat desertification poverty alleviation	2003-2010	IFAD Government of Mongolia	19700.0
7	Sustainable Pasture Management *	National	Mitigation of desertification	2002-2007	UNDP Government of Netherlands	3300.0
8	Let's make keep Mongolia green **	National	Pasture degradation, rehabilitation of affected by desertification	2004-2009	International Rotary Organization Government of Mongolia	100.0
9	Combat desertification through Sustainable Land Management **	National	Combat desertification National capacity building	2006-2009	GEF	PDF

10	National Geo-information centre for natural resource management **	National	To establish Natural resources database & metadata base	2006-2010	Government of Netherlands and Government of Mongolia	330.0
11	“Mongolian Pasture – Green gold” **	National	Combat desertification	2004-2007	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	6600.0
12	To combat desertification with joint participatory efforts at the “Zamiin-Uud” soum, Dornogobi Province, plantation and irrigation of affected areas	Local	Local capacity building	2003-2005	UNCCD Secretariat	50.0

* “Social and ecological vulnerability and report, Mongolia human security”

** International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Nature & Environment

NEPAL

PART A: General Information

1. Focal Point Institution

Name of Focal Point	Government of Nepal Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology
Address including e-mail	Secretariat Complex, Singhdurbar Kathmandu, NEPAL E-mail: info@most.gov.np
Name of Focal Person	Mr. Lok Darshan Regmi Joint-Secretary and Chief Environment Division
Address including e-mail	Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology Secretariat Complex, Singhdurbar Kathmandu, NEPAL E-mail: ldregmi7@hotmail.com
Country-specific websites relating to desertification	1. www.most.gov.np 2. www.moac.gov.np 3. www.mfsc.gov.np

2. Status of national action programme (NAP) (please provide information relevant to the status in your country only)

Date of Validation	<p>Body/institution/Government level which validated the NAP</p> <p>The then Ministry of Population and Environment (MOPE) organized <i>National Validation Seminar on National Action Programme (NAP) on Land Degradation and Desertification</i> on 11 October 2002</p> <p>Prior to the validation seminar, 12 consultation meetings were organized during NAP preparation, about 340 individuals representing government institutions, private sector, local bodies (associations of District Development Committee, Municipalities, and Village Development Committees), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community user groups involved in natural resources management, media and academic institutions participated in the interaction meetings</p>
NAP review(s)	<p>Dates Year 2002</p> <p>Reviewed by Director Generals of the Department of Soil Conservation and Watershed Management, Department of Forests, Department of Agriculture, Joint-Secretary and Chief of Planning Division of the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, and Executive Director of the Nepal Agriculture Research Council</p> <p>The draft report commented by Dr. Mohan M. Sainju (former Vice-Chairman of the National Planning Commission, NPC), Dr. Ram P. Yadhav (formal member of NPC), Dr. Jagadish C. Pokharel (then member of NPC), Dr. Madhav P. Ghimire (then Joint-Secretary and Chief of Foreign Aid Division, Ministry of Finance), and Dr. Ava D. Shrestha (Gender Specialist) during the validation seminar (11 October 2002)</p>
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	<p>Yes/No/Currently under way</p> <p>PRSP prepared before NAP formulation, linkage with PRSP maintained</p>
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	<p>Yes/No/Currently under way</p> <p>Tenth Plan (2002-2007) adopted before NAP formulation</p> <p>Tenth Plan policies and strategies and NAP linkage maintained</p>
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Selected programmes as included in NAP under implementation through sectoral effort with peoples' participation</p>
Expected NAP validation	<p>Month/year</p> <p>Already validated (11 October 2002)</p>
Final draft of a NAP exists	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Final NAP already endorsed by the then His Majesty's Government of Nepal (now Government of Nepal) through Cabinet Decision on 2 February 2004</p>
Formulation of a draft NAP is under way	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Not applicable</p>

Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	Yes/No Not applicable
Process has only been initiated	Yes/No Not applicable
Process has not yet started	Yes/No Not applicable

3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP) (please provide information where appropriate)

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework	Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion etc.
1 Thematic Programme Network	Soil erosion and watershed management

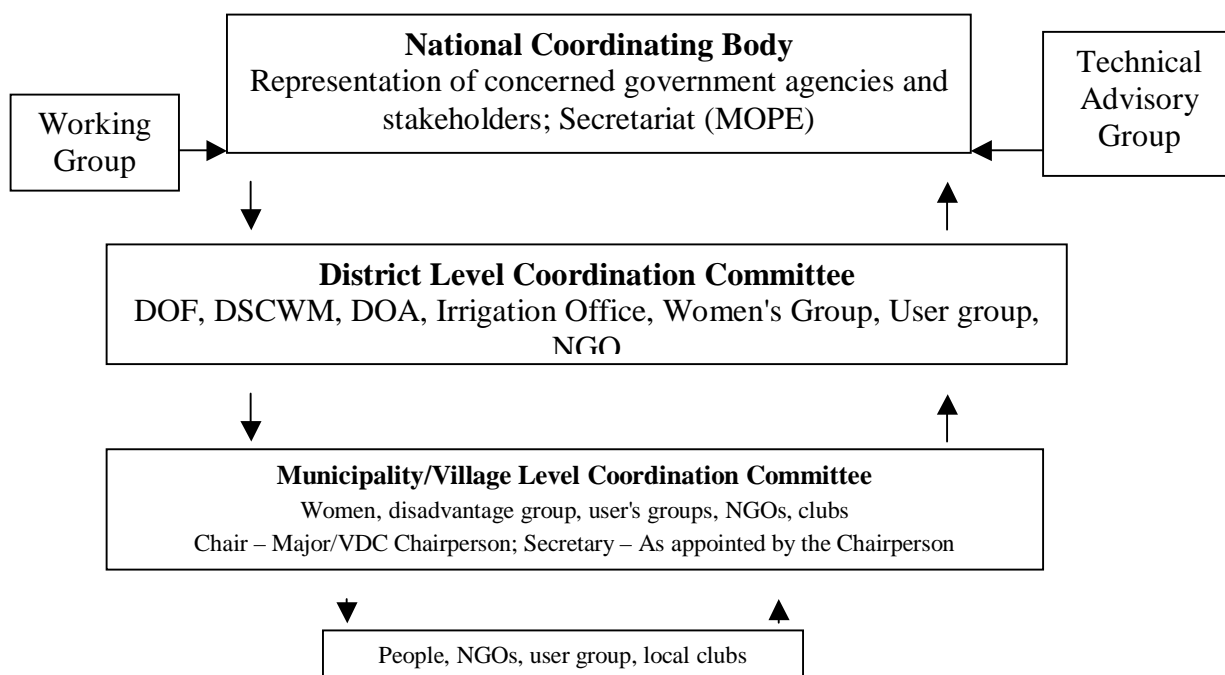
4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB) (indicate whether it is a Government or civil society organization, and provide information on the gender of the representative)

Composition of the NCB as included in the approved NAP is as follows: The gender representation in the NCB depends upon the representative nominated by the concerned organization to participate in the NCB. However, one of the experts will be a woman. The then Ministry of Population and Environment, established in September 1995, was dissolved in March 2005 and its Environment Division was merged with the Ministry of Science and Technology by renaming it as the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology (MoEST) in March 2005. The structure of MoEST was finalized in July 2005. The MOPE as included in the NAP has been replaced by the MoEST in this report.

Name of Institution		Government	NGO	Male/ Female
1	Honourable Minister for Environment, Science and Technology	Chairman	√	
2	Honourable Vice-Chairman, National Planning Commission	Vice-Chairman	√	
3	Honourable Member, Parliamentary Committee on the Environment	Member	√	
4	Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology	Member	√	
5	Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation	Member	√	
6	Secretary, Ministry of Local Development	Member	√	
7	Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives	Member	√	
8	Secretary, Ministry of Land Reform and Management	Member	√	
9	Executive Secretary, Water and Energy Commission Secretariat	Member	√	
10	Member, Nepal Academy of Science and Technology	Member	Autonomous	

11	Chairperson, Association of District Development Committees	Member	√	
12	Chairperson, Association of Village Development Committees	Member	√	
13	Chairperson, Municipality Association of Nepal	Member	√	
14	President, Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry	Member	√	
15	Chairperson, NGO Federation	Member	√	
16	President, Federation of Nepalese Journalists		√	
17	President, Federation of Community Forestry Users	Member	√	
18	President, Federation of Irrigation Water Users Association	Member	√	
19	Representative, donor agency	Member		
20	Government nominated three experts (women, academic institution and INGO)	Member	√	Female
21	Joint-Secretary and Chief Environment Division, MoEST	Member-Secretary	√	

This NCB is basically an institutional arrangement for NAP implementation and will promote inter-agency coordination. The NAP has also envisaged the following institutional network.



Note: At all levels, concerned development agencies should be accommodated.

5. Total Number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited to the process:
National system for NGO accreditation yet to be developed.

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participated in it?	Yes/No (If yes, please provide the number of civil society organizations participating.) NGO NCC not established But Federations of Community Forestry Users (FECOFUN), Water Users Association, Drinking Water and Sanitation Associations are working in the field of soil and water conservation to address land degradation. In addition, Agriculture, and Soil and Water Conservation Associations are also providing technical inputs to conserve soil and water.
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6. Total Number of Acts and Laws passed relating to the UNCCD: 5

No separate laws are enacted for the implementation of the UNCCD. The following Acts contain provisions to conserve soil and water.

SN	Title of Law (Act and Rules)	Date of Adoption	Remarks
1	Soil and Watershed Conservation Act Soil and Watershed Conservation Rules	1982 1985	
2	Forest Act Forest Rules	1993 1995	
3	Water Resources Act Water Resources Rules	1992 1993	
4	Environment Protection Act Environment Protection Rules	1997 1997	After UNCCD entered into force
5	Local Self-Governance Act Local Self-Governance Rules	1999 2000	

7. The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD (please provide information where appropriate)

Official Title of Partnership	Donor(s), international organization(s), and/or agencies of the UN system involved	Date of (expected) conclusion
1. National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) Project	UNDP/GEF	Waiting for signature between the Government of Nepal and UNDP
<i>Note: This project will focus on developing synergies between UNCCD, CBD and UNFCCC.</i>		

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation (please provide information where appropriate)

Several consultative meetings organized to get technical and financial assistance for the conservation of soil and water conservation programmes.

Name of Consultative Meeting	Date/Year	Donor Countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the UN system involved
1. Donor's consultative meetings	2003-'05	Most of the donors	UNDP, FAO

Name of country which has taken over the role of *Chef de file* (please provide information where appropriate.) _____

8. Name up to 10 projects currently under implementation which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

Name of Project	Project implemented within the framework of NAP/SRAP/RAP? (Yes/No)	Project implemented within the framework of	Timeframe	Partners involved	Overall Budget (United States dollars)
1 Leasehold Forests and Livestock Development Programme	Components of NAP included	Poverty reduction and pro-poor resource management	2005-2013	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	11.7 million
2 Northern Mountains Conservation Project	Components of NAP included	Capacity building of resource users	2001-2006	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Nepal Programme	0.7 million
3 Livelihood and Forestry Programme	Components of NAP included	Enhancing management capacities of forest users	2001-2011	Government of United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID)	26.8 million
4 Terai Arc Landscape Programme	Components of NAP included	Biodiversity conservation (at landscape level)	2001-2006	WWF Nepal Programme	6.0 million
5 Biodiversity Sector Support Programme in Terai and Siwaliks	Components of NAP included	Biodiversity conservation and collaborative forest management	2001-2006	Netherlands development organization (SNV)	10.7 million
6 Nepal Australia Community Resource Management and Livelihood Project	Components of NAP included	Natural resource management	2003-2006	Aus-AID	12.4 million
7 Churiya Watershed Management Project	Components of NAP included	Livelihood and institutional development	2001-2006	CARE Nepal	1.9 million

8	Participatory Conservation Project (Phase II)	Components of NAP included	Biodiversity conservation and capacity building of buffer zone users	2004-2006	UNDP	1.0 million
9	Western Terai Landscape Complex Project	Components of NAP included	Sustainable development and capacity building	2003-2011	UNDP, SNV, WWF, IPGRI, NARC, and LIBARD	17.4 million
10	Strengthened Advocacy for Governed Utilization of Natural Resource Programme	Components of NAP included	Increase capacity for natural resource management	2002-2006	CARE Nepal/ USAID	5.6 million
11	District and National Implementation of Agriculture Perspective Plan	Components of NAP included	Agriculture development	2003-2007	DFID UK Government	£9.87 million
12	Sustainable Soil Management Project	NAP related	Soil Conservation	2003-2007	SDC	SwF 4/5 million

Note: Most of the natural resources management related projects completed in 2004 and 2005 are yet to be negotiated and continued.

NIUE

1. Focal point institution:

Name of focal point	Mr Sauni Tongatule Director of Environment
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Country specific websites relating to desertification	None

2. Status of national action programme (NAP)

Date of validation	Government of Niue Cabinet Endorsement December 2004
NAP reviews	None
NAP has been integrated into the poverty Reduction strategy (PRSP)	Not specifically as of yet
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	Not specifically, however the national development strategy strongly encompasses sustainable development. NAP is in line with the National Development Strategy of 2003 -2008

NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	No Currently building the capacity and resource mobilization in order to implement the NAP via the GEF MSP Targeted Portfolio Approach
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3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP)

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperative framework	Specific Involvement
1. Asia/Pacific	Not formalized nor adopted by the Pacific Island Forum Countries as a SRAP

4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB)

Name of institution	Government (√)	NGO (√)	Male/Female
1. Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries	√		Male
2. Department of Environment	√		Female
3. Niue Island Organic Farming Association		√	Male
4. Department of Justice, Lands and Surveys	√		Male
5. Department of Public Works	√		Male
6. Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	√		Male
7. GEF Operational Focal Point	√		Male

5. Total Number of NGOs accredited to the process: _____

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established.	Not specifically an NGO coordinating body, however an UNCCD Steering Committee and a National Council for Sustainable Development do exist, both of which have representatives from NGOs
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6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD:

Title of Law	Date of Adoption
1. Environment Act	2003
2. Biosafety Framework	2005
3. Niue National Forest Policy	December 2000
4. Water Resources Act	1996
5. Mining Act	1997
6. Land Ordinance	1969

7. The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD.

Official title of partnership	Donor(s), international organization(s), and/or agencies of the United Nations system involved	Date of (expected) conclusion
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Multi-country Programme	UNDP	2003 - 2007
Reducing Vulnerabilities of Pacific ACP States	South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC)-EU EDF9	2005 - 2009
National Capacity Needs Self Assessment (NCSA)	GEF	2004 -2006
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Technical Cooperation Irrigation Project	FAO Subregional office for the Pacific Islands (SAPA)	2005 - 2008
SPC Development of Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific (DSAP)	EU, SPC	2004 - 2008
LDC and SIDS Targeted Portfolio Approach for Capacity Development and Mainstreaming of Sustainable Land Management	UNDP - GEF	2006 - 2009

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation listed in reverse chronological order.

Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor Countries Involved	International organizations or agencies of the United Nations system involved
1. Pacific Regional Workshop, Sustainable Land Management Project	26–29 June 2006	Government of Samoa	Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), UNDP and UNDP-GEF
2. 7 th Conference of Parties (COP.7)	17–28 October 2005	Republic of Kenya	UNCCD, UNDP-GEF
3. Consultation with all relevant stakeholders for the formulation of Niue’s GEF LDC-SIDS Portfolio Project for Sustainable Land Management	30 Sept–9 Oct 2005	Government of Niue	GEF
4. National Action Plans and UNDP- GEF’s Sustainable Land Management Portfolio Approach for SIDS/LDCs	22–26 August 2005	Government of Fiji	GEF, SPREP and UNDP

5. UNCCD National Action Plan Consultative Workshop, NIUE	15 September 2004	Government of Niue	UNCCD, GEF
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8. Name up to 10 projects currently under implementation which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

Name of Project	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/SRAP/RAP	Project implemented within the framework of	Timeframe	Partners Involved	Overall Budget
1. Reducing vulnerabilities of Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States	Yes		2005 -2009	EU, SOPAC	USD35,483
2. FAO Technical Cooperation Project	No	Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security	2005 - 2008	FAO	USD159,000
3. Development of Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific (DSAP)	Yes	Sustainable Agriculture	2004 - 2008	EU, SPC	USD146,612
4. Poultry Production & Small Holder Pig Farming	No	Regional Programme on Food Security interlinks with the DSAP and Niue Young Farmer's project		FAO	USD109,848
5. Groundwater Assessment in Niue, Niue Island	Yes	Drought Mitigation	2005 - 2006	UNESCO	US \$26,000
6. Niue Young Farmer's Project	Yes	Sustainable Agriculture and Capacity Building	Reviewed Annually	NZAid	US \$ 70,000
7. Nonu/Vanilla Project	Yes	Sustainable Agriculture and Capacity Building	Reviewed Annually	NZAid	US \$175,000
8. Niue Organic Farming Association (NIOFA)		Sustainable Agriculture, Capacity Building and Public Education/Awareness	Reviewed Annually	NZAid	US \$21,000

PAKISTAN

1. Details of UNCCD Focal Point	
Focal point institution:	Ministry of Environment, Government of Pakistan
Name of focal point	Dr. Bashir Ahmed Wani, Inspector General Forests
Address including e-mail address	Wani48@hotmail.com , bashir.wani@gmail.com
Country-specific websites relating to desertification	www.slmp.net.pk , www.pakmet.org.pk
2. Status of National Action Programme (NAP) to Combat Desertification in Pakistan	
Authority and Date of validation of the NAP	National Action Plan to Combat Desertification in Pakistan was approved by Ministry of Environment in 2002
NAP review(s) Date(s)	Relevant sections of NAP are under review with the Ministry of Environment and NAP implementing partner agencies
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy	Pakistan Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRSP), has integrated NAP's programme areas of sustainable use of natural resources as means towards poverty alleviation
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	Yes. Various priority programme areas of NAP are integrated into development sector strategies and policies
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	Establishment of partnership agreements in implementing NAP is still in its infancy. However, most of the multi-sectoral programmes and projects aimed at combating desertification include a number of implementing partners with pre-decided partnership agreements established between them.
Final draft of a NAP exists	Yes. Final draft was approved by Government of Pakistan and submitted to UNCCD Secretariat in 2002.
3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP)	
Pakistan's NAP is presently not integrated with SRAP or RAP. However, various implementing agencies are interacting with regional counterparts in proposing and implementing joint ventures under UNCCD that will pave the way towards integration with regional and subregional action plans.	
4. National Coordinating Body on UNCCD	
National Coordination Committee on Desertification (NCCD) is a 19-member, inter-ministerial and inter-departmental body in the Ministry of Environment. The NCCD was constituted in 1998 and revised in 1999 and comprises representatives from the provincial Agriculture Departments, heads of federal units dealing with research, management and development of natural resources including land, water, forests and wildlife. Rural support programmes, rural development agencies, NGOs, and academia are also given due representation in NCCD	
5. NGOs accredited to the process of NAP implementation	
NRSP is the focal point for UNCCD's Thematic Programme Network 6 (TPN-6) under which different grass-root level policy studies are currently under way.	

6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD

1. **Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997** and regulation thereof entitled “**Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency Review of Initial Environmental Examination and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2000)**”: The Act and its regulations bind all agencies and individuals to conduct a detailed initial environmental examination/ environmental impact assessment (IEE/EIA) under the prescribed procedures before commencement of any land-based project.
2. **Forest Act 1927**: The Act contains provisions for declaration of forests, and protection of forest produce. Forest Act 1927 applies to State-owned Reserved Forests, Protected Forests, Communal Forests and Privately-owned lands managed by the Forest Departments for the sake of land rehabilitation.
3. **Land Revenue Act 1963**: The Act specifies the procedures for demarcation of arable, rainfed and wastelands and collection of revenue on the basis of land productivity classification.
4. **Pakistan Wildlife Protection Act 1974 and Provincial Wildlife Acts 1975**: Although the focus of Wildlife laws are threatened wildlife species, yet they speak specifically on protection of wildlife habitats and ecosystem as a whole. Under the Wildlife legislation, Pakistan has declared 19 national parks and more than 200 protected areas which relate directly to the cause of desertification control.
5. **Model Forests and Wildlife Laws (under preparation)**: National and provincial governments are preparing model wildlife laws in their respective settings, with the prime aim of integrating local communities in management of biodiversity resources.

7. Consultative process

1. The process was indeed started while compiling the second national report to UNCCD in 2002. Consultations among key stakeholders and particularly implementing agencies of UNCCD and NAP in Pakistan gained momentum after 2003. The Ministry of Environment organized several events during the last two years primarily to invoke the process of consultation, the key issues and solutions relating to desertification. Five consultation workshops were organized during 2005 under the GEF-funded Sustainable Land Management Project (SLMP). These provincial consultative workshops were held in Islamabad and provincial capitals Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta and provided opportunities for disseminating the Convention and the NAP to key implementers and also for negotiating on the respective roles of stakeholders in implementing different programme areas of NAP.
2. UNCCD, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) are presently working on modalities for building synergistic actions towards the fulfillment of objectives of all the three Rio conventions. The Ministry of Environment, with UNEP assistance organized a consultative workshop on building synergy between the Rio Conventions at Islamabad in February 2006. In addition, the World Conservation Union (IUCN)-Pakistan, in collaboration with leading national non-governmental organizations (NGOs), organized a consultative workshop to mark World Environment Day on 5 June 2006, while specifically focusing on desertification.
3. Many key organizations, including Pakistan Meteorological Department, Pakistan Council for Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), and Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), have designated desertification focal points to coordinate and liaise with partner organizations. They have effectively started in-house consultations and are interacting with relevant national and international organizations. The Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) is focal point for the International Centre for Agricultural Research on Dry Lands (ICARDA), the

Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) in Pakistan and has organized consultative workshops on various issues concerning desertification in collaboration with international counterparts.

4. The fourth international workshop of the joint UNESCO-UNU-ICARDA-Flanders Project on “Sustainable Management of Marginal Drylands (SUMAMAD)” was held in Islamabad (Pakistan) from 26 January to 1 February 2006. The workshop was organized by the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) and UNESCO Headquarters as well as its Islamabad Office within the context of the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme and the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP), and in collaboration with the United Nations University – International Network on Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH) and the International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA).
5. The Ministry of Environment and other organizations, e.g. PARC, are entering into new agreements with international partner organizations such as ICARDA. Negotiations with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and its implementing agencies WB, UNDP and UNEP are ongoing on different fronts. The Ministry of Environment is implementing a GEF-sponsored “Sustainable Land Management Project” to be administered by UNDP, while PARC is moving ahead to negotiate for UNEP node of GEF. On the other hand, the provincial governments of Punjab and North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) are implementing mega projects with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and IFAD loan assistance for promoting sustainable land management in Barani areas of Pakistan.

8. Projects recently implemented or currently under implementation to achieve the objectives of UNCCD and NAP

Project	Within NAP framework	Implementing Agencies	Time Frame	Funding source and cost
Environmental Rehabilitation in NWFP and Punjab (EPNP)	No	Punjab Forest Department NWFP Forest Department	1997-2002	European Union Government of Punjab \$ 20.0 m
Barani Village Development Project (BVDP)	Yes	Agency for Barani Areas Development	1999-2007	IFAD Government of Punjab \$ 25.1 m
NWFP Barani Area Development Project (BADP)	No	Government of NWFP	2003-2009	IFAD, ADB Government of NWFP \$ 98.7 m
Southern Federally Administrated Tribal Areas (FATA) Development Project	Yes	Government of NWFP	2002-2009	IFAD Government of NWFP \$ 21.8 m

Dera Ghazi Khan Rural Development Project (DGK – RSP)	Yes	Government of Punjab NRSP	1999-2006	ADB Government of Punjab \$ 40.0 m
Increasing Rangelands (Barani) Productivity through Rangeland Improvement and Mitigate Poverty	Yes	Sindh Forest Department	2003-2008	Government of Sindh \$ 6.0 m
Combating desertification in Riverine forests of Sindh	Yes	Sindh Forest Department	2005-2008	Government of Sindh \$ 2.0 m
Revamping rangelands with participation of stakeholders	Yes	Cholistan range Management Division, Punjab	2005-2008	Government of Punjab
Control of Hill Torrents in Dera Ghazi Khan	Yes	Soil Conservation Directorate	2003-2006	Government of Punjab \$ 1.4 m
Establishment of Water Recharge System through Construction of Mini Dams in Valley Soon Sakesar and Mohar Area of District Khushab	Yes	Soil Conservation Directorate	2004-2006	Government of Punjab \$ 0.3 m

PHILIPPINES

1.1. Focal point institution

Name of focal point	Dr. Rogelio N. Concepcion Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM)
Address including e-mail address	Office address: corner Visayas Avenue, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines E-mail address: rogernconcepcion@yahoo.com
Country-specific websites relating to desertification	

1.2 Status of national action programme (NAP)

Date of validation	17 June 2004 Government organizations: Department of Agriculture (DA)-Agriculture and Fisheries Information Service; DA-Planning Service, DA-Information Technology Centre for Agriculture and Fisheries (ITCAF), DA-Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), BSWM, Bureau of Agricultural Research, DA-Regional Field Unit (RFU) I, II and III, National Irrigation Administration, National Nutrition Council, Department of
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	Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development Non-government organizations (NGOs): Haribon Foundation Inc., Philippine Peasant Institute (PPI) Academe: University of the Philippines at Los Baños (UPLB), Central Luzon State University (CLSU)
NAP review (s)	June 21, 2004 (Mindanao workshop) June 23, 2004 (Visayas workshop) August 11, 2004 (National conference)
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	Currently under way
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	Currently under way
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	Yes (NAP has become a convergence programme among the four departments: DA, Department of Science and Technology (DOST), DENR and DAR)
Expected NAP validation	Already completed
Final draft of a NAP exists	Yes
Formulation of a draft NAP is under way	Yes (Already completed)
Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	Yes (Already completed)
Process has only been initiated	Yes (Already completed)
Process has not yet started	Yes (Already completed)

1.3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP)

Name of subregional and/or regional framework	Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion etc.
1. <i>Subregional Action Programme for Southeast Asia</i>	(The Philippines is involved in the preparation of the SEA-SRAP and is co-chair of the proposed Thematic Programme 2: Transboundary Watershed Assessment and Management
2. <i>Regional Action Programme for Asia</i>	Thematic Programme No. 2: Agroforestry and Soil Conservation Thematic Programme No. 4. Water Resources Management through the establishment of rainwater harvesting system and small irrigation system

1.4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB)*

- In the formulation of the Philippine National Action Plan, issues and concerns on land degradation are discussed by an informal body consisting of representatives invited by the BSWM from other offices of DA, DENR, DAR, DOST, academe and NGOs. The same body with more expanded membership was involved in the formulation of the NAP in consultation with national, subnational (regional) and local stakeholders.

- The creation of the formal multi-agency committee to oversee the activities relating to the Convention will take place in conjunction with the creation of an appropriate oversight body to coordinate the programs and activities of the United Nations conventions and multilateral environmental agreements. The creation of these activities is one of the outputs of the medium-sized project (MSP) proposal ‘Strengthening Coordination for Effective Environmental Management’ which will be implemented on August 2006.

1.5. Total number of NGOs accredited in the process: four (4)

Haribon Foundation for Conservation of Natural Resources

Philippine Peasant Institute (PPI)

Soil and Water Conservation Foundation

Philippine Sustainable Development Network

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participate in it?	No
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1.6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD: nine (9)

Title of the law	Date of adoption
1. Pollution Control Law	1976
2. Philippine Environmental Policy (Presidential Decree 1151)	1977
3. Philippine Environment Code (Presidential Decree 1152)	1977
4. Environmental Impact Assessment System (Presidential Decree 1586)	1978
5. Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law or Republic Act 6657	1988
6. National Integrated Protected Areas System or Republic Act 7586	1992
7. Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA) or Republic Act 8435	1997
8. Ecological Solid Waste Management Act (Republic Act 9003)	2000
9. Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act (Republic Act 9147)	2001

1.7. The consultative process

Initial activities for the establishment of partnership with international organizations particularly the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Global Environmental Facility is ongoing but there is no official title of the partnership yet.

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation

Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies
1. Stakeholders’ Consultation Workshop for the PDF-B Proposal “Combating Land Degradation and Poverty in Marginal Areas and Communities of the Philippines	13 December 2005	None	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Global Environment Facility

2. Stakeholders' Consultation Workshop for the MSP "Strengthening Coordination for Effective Environmental Management"	17 March 2006	None	UNDP; Global Environmental Facility
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1.8. Ten (10) projects currently under implementation which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

Name of project	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/SRAP?	Project implemented within the framework of ...	Timeframe	Partners involved	Overall budget
1. Multifunctionality of Agriculture in Selected Sites in the Philippines	Yes		2003-2006	DA-BSWM, Local Government Units (LGUs); farmers	\$ 103,952
2. Enhancing Agricultural Production in the Philippines by Sustainable Use of Shallow Groundwater	Yes		2004-2007	DA-BSWM, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research-CSIRO, DENR, National Irrigation Administration, DA-Regional Field Units (DA-RFUs)	\$ 399,790
3. Organic-based Agriculture ("Agrikalikahan") Development Program	Yes		2006-2007	DA-BSWM, Government of Japan, National Agriculture and Fisheries Council, GMA Programme Directorate, Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority, DA-AFIS, DA-RFUs, Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards, ATI, Bureau of Agricultural Research, Bureau of Postharvest Research and Extension, Bureau of Plant Industry, DA-Agricultural Marketing Assistance Services	\$ 4,315,789
4. Community-based Watershed Management Approach in Improving Livelihood Opportunities in Selected Areas of the Philippines	Yes		2005-2007	DA-BSWM, Bureau of Agricultural Research, International Center for Research in Semi-arid Tropics, Federation of Free Farmers, DA-RFUs, LGUs, academe (ISPSC, BSC)	\$ 87,720
	Yes		2002-2006	DA-BSWM, ACIAR-	\$ 549,992

Name of project	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/SRAP?	Project implemented within the framework of ...	Timeframe	Partners involved	Overall budget
5. Integrated Watershed Management for Sustainable Soil and Water Resources Management of the Inabanga Watershed, Bohol Island, Philippines				University of Western Sydney, Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Water Research Foundation, Bohol Agricultural Promotion Center, LGUs	(\$250,741 from the Government of Australia; \$299,251 from the Government of the Philippines
6. Agrarian Reform Community Development Project Phase II	Yes		2003-2007	Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), DA, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)	World Bank Total: \$65,766, 077 FOREX: \$50,152,135 Local: \$15,613,942
7. Diversified Farm Income and Market Development Project	Yes		2004-2009	DA, DAR, DENR, LGUs, DA-RFUs	World Bank Total: \$60,000,000
8. Northern Mindanao Community Initiatives Resource Management Project	Yes		2003-2008	DAR, DAR and DENR	IFAD: SDR 11,600
9. Sustainable Environmental Management Project in Northern Palawan	Yes		2001-2009	DA, DENR, Department of Tourism (DOT), DPWH, DAR	JBIC: JPY 2,034,000,000
10. Help for Catubig Agricultural Advancement Project	Yes		2002-2011	Department of Agriculture (National Irrigation Administration), DAR, DENR, DPWH, Department of Health (DOH)	JBIC: JPY 5,210,000,000

SAUDI ARABIA

Table 1: Focal point institution

Focal point institution	
Name of focal point	Mr. Abdo Gasem Alshareef Al Assiri
Address	Range and Forestry Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Riyadh11195, King of Saudi Arabia (KSA), P.O.Box
E-mail address	Abdo_hashem@agrwat.gov.sa
Country specific websites related to desertification	

Table 2: Status of national action programme (NAP)

Date of validation:	March 2005
NAP review(s)	_____
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	Yes
NAP implementation started with or without the conclusion of partnership agreements?	NAP implementation started with involvement of all stakeholders
Expected NAP validation?	_____
Final draft of NAP exists?	Yes
Formulation of a draft of NAP is under way?	_____
Basic guidelines for a NAP established?	_____
Process has only been initiated?	_____
Process has not yet started?	_____

Table 3: Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP)

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Member of SRAP/WA - Member of Asian Regional Action Programmes - Member of Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for Environment.(Follow-up the implementation of Rio Conventions in Arab States) - We supported the implementation of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in the Arab States (KSA, Egypt and Morocco)
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Table 4: Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB) (indicate whether it is Government or civil society organization, and provide information on the gender of the representative):

Name of institution	Government	NGO	Male/Female
1-Ministry of Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2-Ministry of Interior	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3- Ministry of Rural Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4-Ministry of Economic and National Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5-Ministry of Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6-Ministry of Water and Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>		
7-Ministry of Education	<input type="checkbox"/>		
8-Ministry of Higher Education	<input type="checkbox"/>		
9-Ministry of Health	<input type="checkbox"/>		
10- Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ministry of Transportation- 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		
10-General Presidency of Meteorology and Environmental protection	<input type="checkbox"/>		
11-National Commission for Wild Life Conservation and Development	<input type="checkbox"/>		
12- King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>		
13- Saudi Geological Survey Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>		
14-Supreme Commission for Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>		
15- Saudi Geological Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Note: The national Steering Committee met many times.

Table 5: Total number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited to the process:

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participate in it?	Number of civil society organizations participating
Yes	3

Table 6: Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD: 7

Five most relevant acts and laws and/or regulations.

Title of the law	Date of adoption/approval
1-Legislation of Forestry and Range	1978/2005
2-The General Legislation of the Environment	2001
3- Legislation of Protected Areas	1986
4-Committees of Range Affairs	2002
5- Legislation of Trade in Fertilizers and Agricultural Fertile	

Table 7: The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD

Official title of partnership	Donor(s), international organization(s), and/or agencies of the United Nations system involved	Date of (expected) conclusion

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD Implementation (please provide information where appropriate):

Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the United Nations system involved
1- UNCCD National Consultant Committee Meeting	10 September 2005	National	Yes

Name of the country which has taken over the role of *Chef de file*: **Saudi Arabia.**

Table 8: Name up to 10 projects currently under implementation by Ministry of Agriculture and other partners which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

Name of project	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/SRAP/RAP (Yes/No)	Time frame	Partner involved
1-Survey and Inventory of Forestry and Range Lands by Using Remote Sensing Techniques	Yes	Continuous	King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology & Ministry of Higher Education
2-Improvement of Range Resources	Yes	Continuous	-----
3- Rehabilitation of Wadi Hanifa	Yes	Continuous	Ministry of Rural Affairs
4-Rehabilitation of Range Lands	Yes	Continuous	-----
5-Improvement of Forests	Yes	Continuous	-----
6-Reforestation of the degraded lands	Yes	Continuous	-----
7-Establishment and Development of National Parks	Yes	Continuous	-----
8-Establishment the Gene Bank of Plant Resources	Yes	Continuous	-----
9-Sand Dune Fixation	Yes	Continuous	-----
10-Desalinization of Sea Water	Yes	Continuous	Ministry of Water and Electricity

SRI LANKA

Focal point institution:

Name of focal point	Mr. J.R.W. Dissanayake, Secretary, Ministry of Environment
Address including e-mail address	No. 82, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka E-mail: secoffice@menr.lk
Country-specific websites relating to desertification	There are no country specific websites relating to desertification. However, websites are available which provide information related to land degradation. eg: Department of Meteorology - www.meteo.slt.lk Department of Wildlife Conservation - www.dwlc.lk Geological Survey & Mines Buerau - www.gsmb.slt.lk

Status of national action programme (NAP)

Date of validation	14 October 2002
NAP review(s)	Nil
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	Yes
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	Yes
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	NAP implementation has started without partnership agreements. However, major agencies responsible for NAP implementation come under the umbrella of the Ministry of Environment. Therefore, there is a binding factor. These agencies that come under the purview of the focal point (Forest Dept., Dept. of Wildlife Conservation etc.) have agency specific partnership agreements with donor countries that comply with matters related to land degradation.
Expected NAP validation	Not relevant
Final draft of a NAP exists	Not relevant
Formulation of a draft NAP is under way	Not relevant
Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	Not relevant
Process has only been initiated	Not relevant
Process has not yet started	Not relevant

Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP)

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework		Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion etc.
1.	South Asia Subregional Action Programme (SA - SRAP)	Establishment of early warning systems Integrated ecosystem management

Composition of the National Experts Committee (NEC) Appointed by the Ministry of Environment

Name of institution		Government (√)	NGO (√)	Male (M)/ Female(F)
1.	Natural Resources Management Centre, Department of Agriculture	√		M
2.	National Physical Planning Department	√		M
3.	Field Crop Research Development Institute	√		M
4.	Land Use Policy Planning Division, Ministry of Lands	√		M
5.	Sugarcane Research Institute	√		M
6.	National Building Research Organization	√		M / F
7.	Department of Meteorology	√		M
8.	Department of Forest	√		M
9.	Department of Soil Science, University of Peradeniya	√		M
10.	University of Ruhuna	√		M

Total number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited to the process:

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participate in it?	<p>Sri Lanka is not a desertification prone country. However the issue of land degradation has posed a severe threat to the national economy and the people.</p> <p>There is no established NGO National Coordinating Committee as such. However, there are NGOs registered with the Central Environmental Authority, which is the regulatory body for environment legislation in the country. Some of these NGOs are actively engaged in matters related to land degradation.</p>
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Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD - 13

Title of the Law		Date of Adoption
1.	The Forest Ordinance	1907
2.	Land Development Ordinance	1935
3.	The Fauna & Flora Protection Ordinance	1937
4.	State Lands Ordinance	1947
5.	Soil Conservation Act	1951
6.	The Water Resource Board Act	1964
7.	The Land Grants Act	1979
8.	The Agrarian Services Act	1979
9.	Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka Act	1979
10.	The National Heritage Wilderness Act	1988
11.	National Environment Act	1989
12.	Title Registration Act	1998
13.	Soil Conservation (Amendment) Act	2004

The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and / or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD

Official Title of Partnership	Donor(s), International Organization(s), and / or Agencies of the United Nations System Involved	Date of (expected) Conclusion
1 Project on rehabilitation, restoration and conservation of degraded agricultural lands in two selected mini watersheds within the Randenigala watershed in the Upper Mahaweli Catchment Area (the project is under technical review by the UNDP)	UNDP / GEF	The proposal is under technical review by UNDP and is expected to commence its activities by mid-2007
2 There are a number of other projects implemented through partnership agreements by the line agencies of the focal point, which have a large sum of activities related to land degradation. eg: Upper Watershed Management Project (UWMP) spent a substantial amount of money on soil conservation measures	ADB/WB	ended in end 2005

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation

Name of Consultative Meeting	Date/Year	Donor Countries Involved	International Organizations or Agencies of the UN System Involved
1. National Workshop on Combating Desertification & Promoting Synergistic Implementation of Inter - linked Multilateral Environmental Conventions in Sri Lanka	31 July – 2 August 2003	UNCCD	UNDP
2. National Workshop on UNCCD / NAP Implementation & Partnership building in Sri Lanka	8 - 9 July 2004	UNCCD	UNDP

Country which has taken over the role of *Chef de file*:

Name up to 10 projects currently under implementation which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

Name of Project	Project Implemented within the Framework of the NAP/ SRAP/ RAP? (Yes/No)	Project Implemented within the Framework of National Environment Policy & Caring for the Environment 2003 - 2007	Time Frame	Partners Involved	Overall Budget (million United States dollars)
1.Upper Watershed Management Project	No	Yes	1998-2005	Ministry of Environment	10.9 million
2.Forestry Resources Management Project	No	Yes	2000-2008	Ministry of Environment	17.2 million
3.Land Titling Project	No		2001-2004	Ministry of Lands	3.9 million
4. Dry Zone Livelihood support & Partnership Programme	No		from 2004	Ministry of Agriculture	0.24 million
5. Emergency Supply of Agriculture Inputs in Drought Affected Districts of Puttalam, Kurunegala & Anuradhapura	No		2004-2005	Ministry of Agriculture	0.2 million
6. Mahaweli Restructuring & Rehabilitation	No		1998-2003	Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka	41.7 million
7. Water Resources Management Project	No		2000-2006	Ministry of Housing & Infrastructure Development	13.9 million
8. NCP Rural Development Project	No		1996-2004	Ministry of Planning	12.7 million
9. Walawe Left Bank Irrigation, Upgrading & Extension Project	No		1996-2005	Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka	9.4 million
10. Pro-poor Economic Advancement & Community Enhancement Project	No		2003 -2010	Ministry of Agriculture	6 million

THAILAND

1. Focal point institution:

Name of focal point	
Address including e-mail address	
Country-specific websites relating to desertification	1 www.ddd.go.th 2 www.forest.go.th 3 www.monre.go.th 4 www.moac.go.th

2. Status of national action programme (NAP)

Date of validation March 2004	Land Development Department
NAP review(s)	Date(s)
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	Yes. Poverty reduction strategy is a part of the Ninth National Economic and Social Development Plan (2002-2006)
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	Yes. NAP has been integrated into the Ninth National Economic and Social Development Plan (2002-2006)
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusion of partnership agreements	Yes. It has been started with the conclusion of partnership agreement.
Expected NAP validation	Month/year
Final draft of a NAP exists	It has been implemented.
Formulation of a draft NAP is under way	It has been completed.
Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	No. However, NAP development should come from learning experience.
Process has only been initiated	Yes.
Process has not yet started	No

3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP)

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework	Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion etc.
1 Framework for the South East Asia Subregional Action Programme for Combating Land Degradation and Eradicating Poverty in Drought Prone, Seasonally Arid and Food Insecure Areas	Sustainable Land and Integrated Ecosystem Management, Particularly in Drought Prone, Seasonally Arid and Food Insecure Areas

4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB)

Name of institution	Government	NGO	Male/Female
Minister, Agriculture and Cooperatives Ministry	/		F
Permanent Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperatives Ministry	/		M
Secretary General, Office of National Economic and Social Development Board	/		M
Director General, Land Department	/		M
Director General, Public Welfare Department	/		M
Director General, Royal Forest Department	/		M
Director General, Royal Irrigation Department,	/		M
Director General, Agricultural Extension Department	/		M
Director General, Agricultural Department	/		M
Secretary General, Office of Land Reform for Agriculture	/		M
Secretary General, Office of Agricultural Economics	/		M
Director General, Land Development Department	/		M

5. Total number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accredited to the process:

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participate in it?	No
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6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD:

Name up to five most relevant acts and laws and/or regulations.

Title of the law	Date of adoption
1. Land Development Act	May 1983
2. National Environmental Quality Act	1992
3. National Land Reform Act	1975, 1976, 1989
4. National Forest Reserve Act	1964
5. National Park Act	1961

7. The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD

Official title of partnership	Donor(s), international organization(s), and/or agencies of the United Nations system involved	Date of (expected) conclusion
1.Improving the Management of Salt-affected Soils in Rain-fed Areas in Northeast Thailand	French Government/ Thai Government/	August 2007
2.Sustainable Use of Problem Soils in Rain-fed Agriculture	FAO and Thai Government	February 2006
3. The Study Project on On-farm Irrigation Development and Management in the Monsoon Asia	Japan Institute of Irrigation and Drainage and Thai Government	October 2005

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation:

Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the United Nations system involved
1.Consultative Meeting on Land Slide Mapping	29 June-2 July	Japan/Thailand	

Name of country which has taken over the role of Chef de file:

8. Name up to 10 projects currently under implement which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD.

Name of projects	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/SRAP/RAP? (Yes/No)	Project implemented within the framework of	Time-frame	Partners involved	Overall budget (million USD)
1. Soil improvement by aqua organic compost and products of micro-organism	Yes	NAP	2004-2008	No	74.023
2. Soil improvement by green manure	Yes	NAP	2004-2008	No	150.720
3. Transfer of technology to farmers	Yes	NAP	2004-2008	No	48.725
4. Saline soils improvement	Yes	NAP	2004-2008	No	9.995
5. Provision of soil and water conservation system on low land and up land	Yes	NAP	2004-2008	No	52.204
6. Organization of demonstration plots for learning centers	Yes	NAP	2004-2008	No	3.2
7. Tree plantation to protect soil salinization in Khong, Chee, and Moon basins	Yes	NAP	2004-2008	No	4.257
8. Small-scale water resources	Yes	NAP	2004-2008	No	172.356
9. Development of areas under water-use management system	Yes	NAP	2004-2008	No	90.378
10.Improvement of natural water resources as sources of production base for communities	Yes	NAP	2004-2008	No	9.937

TIMOR-LESTE

1. Focal point institution:

Name of focal point	Manuel da Silva
Address including e-mail address	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Rua D.Aleixo C.Real Fomento P.O. Box 408 Dili, Timor-Leste nuelsilva@yahoo.com.au
Country-specific websites relating to desertification	1. Environment Protection under MAFF... www.timor-leste.gov.tl/MAFF/English/environment_protection.htm 2. National Development Plan... www.primeministerandcabinet.gov.tp/ndp.htm 3. Timor-Leste Government gateway... www.timor-leste.gov.tl/Aboutgovt/aboutgovt.htm

2. Status of NAP (please provide information relevant to the status in your country only):

Date of validation NAP has not been validated	Body/institution/Government level which validated the NAP (validating bodies to be confirmed)
NAP review(s) NA	Date(s) NA
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	Yes/No/Currently under way (If yes, please specify the year in which the strategy was officially adopted.) NA
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	Yes/No/Currently under way (If yes, please specify the year in which the strategy was officially adopted.) NA
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	Yes/No NA
Expected NAP validation	Month/year NA
Final draft of a NAP exists	Yes/No NA
Formulation of a draft NAP is under way	Yes/No NA
Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	Yes/No NA
Process has only been initiated	Yes/ No
Process has not yet started	Yes/No

3. Member of SRAP/RAP (please provide information where appropriate):

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework		Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion etc.
1.	South East Asia Sub-regional Action Programme to Combat Desertification	Island co-operation between Indonesia and Timor-Leste relating to prevention and rehabilitation of soil erosion
2.		

4. Composition of the NCB (indicate whether it is a Government or civil society organization, and provide information on the representatives' gender):

Name of institution	Government (√)	NGO (√)	Male/female
1. Secretary of State for Environmental Coordination, Territorial Ordinance and Physical Development	Yes		Male

5. Total number of NGOs accredited to the process: **Information Not Available (INA)**

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participate in it?	Yes/No (If yes, please provide the number of civil society organizations participating.)
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6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD: **Two**

Name up to five most relevant acts and laws and/or regulations.

	Title of the law	Date of adoption
1.	Regulation No19/2000 on protected areas	2000
2.	Regulation No17/2000 on the Prohibition of Logging Operations and the Export of Wood from TL	2000
3.	Law on Environmental Impact Assessment	Waiting for approval by Council of Ministers

7. The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD (please provide information where appropriate):

	Official title of partnership	Donor(s), international organization(s), and/or agencies of the UN system involved	Date of (expected) conclusion
1.	Comoro La Clo Community-based Water Shed Management Pilot Project	JICA	2009
2.	Amcap Project Ainaro-Manatuto Community Activation Project	UNDP/UNOPS	2007
3.	Ocap Oecusse Community Activation Project	UNDP/UNOPS	2008
4.	Participatory Rural Energy Development Programme	UNDP	2007

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation (please provide information where appropriate):

Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the UN system involved
1. Sub-regional Workshop on Implementation of UNCCD	December 2005	None	UNDP / UNEP / GEF

Name of country which has taken over the role of *Chef de file* (please provide information where appropriate): **NA**

8. Name up to 10 projects currently under implementation which are directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD.

Name of project	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/SRAP/RAP? (Yes/No)	Project implemented within the framework of	Timeframe	Partners involved	Overall budget
1. Arresting land degradation and promotion of sustainable land management in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Brunei and East Timor through integration of globally important biodiversity concerns into main areas of economic activity at key sites, PDF B (2006-2008)	SRAP	Sustainable Land Management	2006 to 2008	GEF / IFAD	US\$400,000
2. Agriculture Rehabilitation Project – Upland Farming Programmes (ARP-UFP), includes livestock, irrigation, fisheries, crop production and research and public awareness	No	NDP / CFET	2003 to 2007	World Bank (TFET) / EC	US\$8.9m

TURKMENISTAN

1. Focal point institution:

Name of focal point	National Institute of Deserts, Flora and Fauna of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan
Address including e-mail address	Bitarap Turkmenistan str.15 Ashgabat 744000 Turkmenistan durikov@online.tm
Country-specific websites relating to desertification	No web-sites

2. Status of national action programme (NAP) (please provide information relevant to the status in your country only):

Date of validation: 1997	Body/institution/Government level which validated the NAP: Governmental Commission
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy:	National Environmental Action Plan of The President of Turkmenistan (2002), Strategy of the Economic, Political and Cultural Development till the period of 2020 (2003)
NAP implementation has started with or without the consensus of partnership agreement	Implementation has started without the consensus of partnership agreement

3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP) (please provide information where appropriate):

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework	Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion etc.
1. Subregional Action Program for the Central Asian Countries on Combating Desertification in UNCCD Context (2003)	Central Asian Subregional Training Program for Sustainable Land Management (2005)

4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB) (indicate whether it is a Government or civil society organization, and provide information on the gender of the representative):

Organization	Men/women
1. Ministry of Agriculture	17 men 3 women
2. Ministry of nature Protection	
3. Ministry of Water Economy	
4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
5. Ministry of Energy and Industry	
6. Ministry of Defence	
7. Ministry of Health and Medical Industry	
8. Ministry of Justice	

9.	Ministry of Economy and Finance	
10.	National Institute of State Statistics and Information	
11.	State Enterprise on Caspian Sea Issues	
12.	National Hydro-meteorological Committee	
13.	State Corporation "Turkmengeologiya"	
14.	State Custom House	
15.	Department of "Turkmemdemiryollary"	
16.	Department of "TURkmenhovayollary"	
17.	State Concern "Turkmenavtoyollary"	
18.	National Institute of Deserts, Flora and Fauna	
19.	Main State Service "Turkmenstandart"	

5. Total number of non-governmental organization (NGOs) accredited to the process

Has an NGO National Coordinating Committee on desertification been established; if yes, how many NGOs or civil society organizations participate in it?	RIOD network functions in Turkmenistan which includes 20 organizations of civil society
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6. Total number of acts and laws passed relating to the UNCCD: 12

Name up to five most relevant acts and laws and/ or regulations

	Title of the law	Date of adoption
1.	Law on Nature Protection	1991
2.	Law on Protection and Rational Use of Flora	1993
3.	Law on Forest	1993
4.	Law on Land	2004
5.	Law on Water	2004

7. The consultative process

Number of partnership agreements that have been concluded and/ or are being initiated within the framework of the UNCCD (please provide information where appropriate):

Official title of partnership	Donor(s), international organization(s), and/ or agencies of the UN system involved	Date of (expected) conclusion
Support to UNCCD implementation in Turkmenistan	German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ)-CCD	Since 1998
Central Asian Countries Initiative on Land Management	Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), GTZ-CCD	2004
Central Asian Subregional Training Program for Sustainable Land Management	UNCCD Secretariat, Global Mechanism (GM), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	2005

List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation (please provide information where appropriate):

Name of consultative meeting		Date/ year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the United Nations system involved
Subregional meeting under Central Asian Countries Initiative on Land Management (CACILM)				
1.	1 st Task Force Meeting of CACILM	23-24.08.2004 Almaty		Organizations of SPA: GM, ADB, GTZ-CCD, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), International Centre for Agricultural Research on Dry Lands (ICARDA), IFAD, UNDP, UNCCD Secretariat
2.	2nd Meeting of Task Force and 1 st Multicountry Meeting on CACILM	11-15.04.2005 Dushanbe		-----//-----
3	3rd Task Force Meeting	24-25.06.2006 Almaty		-----//-----
4	4 th Task Force Meeting	17-19.11.2005 Tashkent		-----//-----
5	5 th Task Force Meeting	15-17.02.2006 Bishkek		-----//-----
National Meeting under CACILM				
6	1 st National workshop	19-20.08.2005 Ashgabat		GM, ADB, GTZ-CCD, UNDP
7	2nd National Workshop	20.09.2005 Ashgabat		ADB, UNDP
8	3rd National Workshop	07.02.2006 Ashgabat		UNDP
Regional Meeting of GTZ-CCD projects				
9	1 st meeting	12-17.05.2003 Almaty		GTZ-CCD, GM, UNDP, REC
10	2 nd meeting	12-18.05.2006 Issykkul		GTZ-CCD, GM, UNDP, REC, CAMP
11	3 rd meeting	11-14.05.2006 Ashgabat		GTZ-CCD, GM, UNCCD Secretariat, UNDP
Subregional Training Program meeting				
12	Launching meeting	15-16.05.2006 Ashgabat		GZT-CCD, GM, UNCCD Secretariat, UNDP, OSCE

Name of country which has taken over the role of *Chef de file*

(Please provide information where appropriate): GTZ –CCD project since 1998 supports NFP through implementation of pilot project and personnel capacity building

8. Name up to 10 projects currently under implementation which are directly related to the UNCCD.

Name of project	Project implemented within the framework of the NAP/ SRAP/ RAP? (Yes/ No)	Project implemented within the framework of	Timeframe	Partners involved	Overall budget
1. Combating Land Degradation in Three Regions of Turkmenistan	yes	NAP	2000 - 2006	GTZ-CCD (Germany)	\$ 420 000
2. Central Asian Subregional Training Program for Sustainable Land Management	yes	SRAP	2006- 2007	GM, IFAD	\$ 77 000
3. Capacity Building and On-the-Ground Investments for Integrated and Sustainable Land Management (PDF-A)	yes	CACILM	2006	GEF, UNDP	\$ 40 000
4. Turkmenistan – National Capacity Self-Assessment	no	UNDP	2004 - 2006	GEF, UNDP	\$ 200 000
5. Promoting Community Based Sustainable Land Management and Capacity Building in Central Asia	yes	NAP	2005 - 2007	GM, UNDP,	\$ 200 000

TUVALU

Table 1: Detail information of Focal Point

Name of focal point	Mr. Panapasi Nelesone
Primary Address:	Secretary to the Government of Tuvalu Office of the Prime Minister Private Mail Bag Vaiaku, Funafuti Tuvalu
Secondary Address:	Director Department of Environment Office of the Prime Minister Private Mail Bag Vaiaku Funafuti, Tuvalu
e-mail address:	sg@tuvalu.tv / enviro@tuvalu.tv
Country-specific websites relating to desertification	In the meantime, there is no country-specific website relating to desertification that has been developed. However the only national website where all information concerning Tuvalu are posted and are shown below http://www.tuvalu.tv and http://map.tuvalu.tv

Status of NAP:

Table 2: Status of national action programme (NAP)

Expected date of completion of 1 st draft	End of June 2006
Planned date for the validation workshop	Mid-September 2006
Planned date for submission of the final report to the UNCCD Secretariat	15 October 2006
<p><i>Main features of the draft NAP</i></p> <p>The main feature of the Tuvalu national action plan is the provision of enabling activities which include capacity building and training. It also highlights the importance of adopting appropriate environment tools such as the use of GIS to enhance an effective way of monitoring and inventory of land degradation. The prevention of land degradation is also one important feature of the NAP through the promotion and raising of public awareness on issues relating to land degradation/drought. Addressing the issue of land degradation through rehabilitation measure is also one key feature of the NAP such as developing coastal erosion mitigation action plans, establishing of sustainable land management plans, appropriate mechanisms for monitoring and mitigating the impacts of drought and the integration of traditional knowledge into modern ways.</p>	

Composition of the National Coordinating Committee (NCC)

The National Coordinating Committee (NCC) has a total of 16 members and chaired by the Director of Environment. The committee was established with the main objective to facilitate and play an advisory role to members of the NCC in the implementation of the UNCCD. Particular emphasis is placed on ensuring that the medium-sized projects and the National Action Plan are developed and formulated not only to meet Tuvalu's obligation under the UNCCD but more importantly that a broad spectrum of issues relating to land degradation/drought at the national level is addressed in an integrated approach. These will better enhance the enabling activities and effectively demonstrate more practical actions on the ground.

Table 3: List of the National Coordinating Committee

Name of Member	Agency	Male/Female
Mr. Enate E Tauaa	Chairman	Male
Mr Kilifi Talakatoa	UNCCD/Secretary	Male
Mr Itaia Lausaveve	Agriculture	Male
Mr. Faatasi Malologa	Lands and Survey	Male
Mrs Pepetua Latasi	UNFCCC	Female
Mr Poni Faavae	NAPA	Male
Mr Gunter Koepke	Public Works Department (Water)	Male
Mrs Hellani Tumua	Landowners/Local Government	Female
Mr. Temate Meritiana	Aid Coordination Unit	Male
Mrs Sunema Simati	ERPD (Economic Research & Policy Division	Female
Mrs Annie Homasi	TANGO (Tuvalu Association of Non-Government Organization)	Female
Mr Tauala Katea	Meteorology	Male
Mr. Evi Tauaa	Chamber of Commerce	Male
Mrs Pulaafagu Toafa	Tuvalu National Council of Women	Female
Mr. Iete Avaniatele	Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development	Male
Mr. Michael Noa	Education Department	Male

The participatory process in support of the preparation and implementation of the NAP

Extensive national consultations were conducted on all the island communities as part of all the preparatory process for the development of the National Action Programme in the third quarter of 2004. The main objectives of the consultation were to review the status of land use, land degradation, drought, and its environmental and socio-economic impacts and to develop and prioritize strategies and programs to combat land degradation. The important aspects that marks the successful of this national consultation is the enthusiasm shown by various stakeholders and groups in the community, which is clearly indicated by their active involvement and participation during the course of the consultation process. In the meantime, the NAP has been completed and still in its initial draft form. It was formulated and developed by the Government of Tuvalu through its local staff within the Environment Department with the assistance of the Environment Adviser. Currently, the Department of Environment is still waiting to incorporate feedbacks from various stakeholders including members of the DCC before it is brought up for administrative clearance by cabinet. Some of the main challenges and experiences in developing the NAP include:

- Unreliable schedule of the boat to the outer islands
- Difficulties faced in terms of logistical arrangements. For example, some of the outer islands cannot be reached because the appropriate communication equipments on the islands are not working properly such as telephones.
- There are cultural protocols that needs to be followed in which to some extent makes the consultation process slow to progress
- Using UNNCD terminologies such as “Land Degradation” has been a challenge in terms of communicating the public during the course of the consultation process.

Subregional action programme (SRAP)

The Pacific Subregion has yet to develop a SRAP. Like any other countries in the Pacific Region, Tuvalu will be participating in a Pacific subregional workshop planned for October 2006 and aimed at initiating consultations for the development of a SRAP. Tuvalu will ensure that the unique land degradation challenges and threats of small atoll countries are incorporated in any future Pacific SRAP.

NGO involvement in the NAP process

The NGO community in Tuvalu is coordinated by the Tuvalu Association of NGOs (TANGO). NGOs are being consulted in the process of development of the NAP as well as the NCSA. TANGO has also actively involved in numerous related activities to combat land degradation and their active work at the community level makes them a very important stakeholder.

Laws and acts passed relating to the UNCCD

Although formal environmental legislation has been drafted for the country, this has not yet been passed. Most environmentally related policies currently in existence in the country are in the form of approximately 20 Acts and additional by-laws associated with the local government on each island. These environmentally-related policies to some extent address the issue of land degradation. However, in the meantime, there is an absence of an overarching national legislative framework that specifically addresses land degradation problems in the country and therefore this is one of the main drawbacks that have hindered the proper management of the environment in Tuvalu. A Disaster Management plan has been formulated but is currently not enforced because it has not received administrative clearance from cabinet.

The consultative process

There have been numerous and extensive environment-related consultations carried out at the national level over the past few years until recently. As a result, substantial amounts of information have been gathered and analysed from these numerous consultations. It has been noticed from these consultations that information has been used to develop the Third National Report to the UNCCD Secretariat.

Consultation meetings relating to the UNCCD

Table 4: List of national consultation meetings relating to the UNCCD

Processes	Dates	Partners involved
NAPA national consultations	Third Quarter of 2004 Early February, 2006	Government Sectors, landowners, NGOs, Island communities and Private sectors
NAP national consultations	Third Quarter of 2004	Government Sectors, landowners, NGOs, Island communities and Private sectors
PDFA consultations for the NCSA	Mid-2005	Government Sectors, landowners, NGOs, Island communities and Private sectors
National Summit on the development of the Nation Development Strategy	28 June-9 July 2004	Government Sectors, landowners, NGOs, Kaupule (Island Councils), Island communities and Private sectors
National Climate Change Awareness Workshop	February 2006	Government Sectors, landowners, NGOs, Island communities and Private sectors
POPs National stocktaking	Last Quarter of 2005	Government Sectors, landowners, NGOs, Island communities and Private sectors
National Biosafety Project Consultations	May 2006	Government Sectors, landowners, NGOs, Island communities and Private sectors
IWP National Consultation & Composting National Campaign	Early 2006	Government Sectors, landowners, NGOs, Island communities and Private sectors

VIET NAM

Table 1: Focal point institution for the UNCCD

Name of National Focal Agency	Department of Forestry
Name of the head of National Focal Agency	Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Binh – Director General
Name of National Focal Point	Ms. Pham Minh Thoa Senior Officer Deputy Chief of Planning Division Department of Forestry Director of UNCCD National Office
Address including e-mail address	B9, 2 Ngoc Ha, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Vietnam Tel: (84 4) 7332263; Fax: (84 4) 7223842 /8438793 email: mthoa-dfd@netnam.vn or unccd-office@netnam.vn
Country-specific websites relating to desertification	www.vietnamforestry.org.vn ; www.monre.org.vn www.mard.org.vn

Table 2. Status of national action programme (NAP)

Date of validation: July 2002	Body/institution/Government level which validated the NAP: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
NAP review(s): already submitted for approval	Date(s): 29 August 2005
NAP has been integrated into the poverty reduction strategy (PRSP)	NAP has been integrated into PRSP, particularly in Part II (Item 2) and Part V (Item 7) on the link between poverty reduction with the environmental protection and sustainable natural resource management, approved in May 2002
NAP has been integrated into the national development strategy	NAP had been integrated in Vietnam Agenda 21 on Sustainable Development, especially in Part IV, Item I (Combating land degradation, promoting effective and sustainable use of land), Item II (Prevention of water pollution and promoting sustainable use of water resources) and Item V (Forest Protection and development), approved in November 2003
NAP implementation has started with or without the conclusions of partnership agreements	NAP has been implemented with the Forest Sector Support Programme and Partnership (FSSP&P). NAP will be implemented with specific partnership for UNCCD implementation supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF)- World Bank (WB) and the Forest Sector Trust Fund (TFF under the FSSP&P framework)
Expected NAP validation for the period 2006-2010 and the Vision to 2020	Month/Year: June 2006
Final draft of a NAP exists	Yes
Basic guidelines for a NAP have been established	Yes

Table 3. Member of subregional action programme (SRAP)/regional action programme (RAP)

Name of subregional and/or regional cooperation framework		Involvement specifically in topics such as water harvesting techniques, soil erosion etc.
1	South-East Asia (SEA)-SRAP	That had been developed by the nine country parties of UNCCD in the South-East Asia Sub-Region, and approved in SEA-SRAP Launching Workshop held in Phan Thiet, Binh Thuan of Vietnam. In the workshop, Viet Nam was nominated as the manager/coordinator of the Programme on Resource Mobilization and Partnership Development together with Indonesia under the framework of SEA-SRAP.
2	RAP	Vietnam is a member of TPN1, TPN2, TPN3, TPN5, and TPN6.

Table 4. Composition of the national coordinating body (NCB)

No.	Name or Position	Responsibility
1	Vice-Minister of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)	Chairman
2	Department of Forestry (DOF), MARD	Executive Vice-Chairman
3	National Environment Agency (NEA), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)	Vice-Chairman
4	Department of Water Resources and Irrigation Systems (DWRIS), MARD	Vice-Chairman
5	International Organization Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)	member
6	Agriculture Science and Technology Department, Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)	member
7	Legal Department, Government Office (GO)	member
8	Agricultural Economics Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI)	member
9	Department of Foreign Financial Affairs, Ministry of Finance (MoFi)	member
10	Science and Technology Department, MONRE	member
11	Water Resource Management Department, MONRE	member
12	GEF Focal Point, GEF Vietnam, MONRE	member
13	International Cooperation Department, MARD	member-female
14	Planning Department, MARD	member
15	Science-Technology and Product Quality Control Department (STPQCD), MARD	member
16	UNCCD National Focal Point	member & secretary-female

Figure 1: Organization chart of national coordinating body (NCB)

Chairman: Vice-Minister of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)

Executive Vice Chairman

Department of Forestry, MARD

Vice Chairman: National Environment Agency, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)

NFP: Department of Forestry (DOF)

Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI)

Ministry of Finance (MoFi)

Government Office (GO)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)

Science-Technology and Product Quality Control Department (STPQCD)

Vice Chairman: Department of Water Resources and Irrigation Systems, MARD

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Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)

Science and Technology Advisory Group –(open ended membership) (STAG)

Water Resources University

Forest Science Institute

Forest Planning and Inventory Institute

Soil and Fertilizer Institute

Hydrology and Meteorology Institute

Agro-forestry Extension Center

Vietnam Forestry Association (VIFA)

Farmers Association

The World Conservation Union (IUCN)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

World Bank (WB)

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Youth Union

Women Union

Selected provinces

Global Environment Facility Focal Point (GEF FP)

WRD

Table 5: List of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) participating in NAP development and implementation process

No.	List of organizations
1	Vietnam Forestry Association (VIFA)
2	Vietnam Science and Technology Association – VIFOTEC Fund
3	Soil Association
4	Vietnam Women Union
5	Vietnam Farmers Association
6	Youth Union
7	IUCN

Table 6: List of the new laws/acts related to UNCCD

	Name of the law or acts	Date of approval
1.	Law on Water Resources 1999	1/1/1999
2.	Land Law 2003	26/11/2003
3.	Law on Forest Protection and Development 2004	10/11/2004
4.	Law on Environment Protection 2005	29/11/2005
5.	National Strategy on Growth and Poverty Reduction 2002	20/9/2002

Table 7: Number of partnership agreements initiated within the framework of the UNCCD

Official title of partnership	Donor(s), international organization(s), and/or agencies of the United Nations system involved	Date of (expected) conclusion
1. Forest Sector Support Programme and Partnership	23 international partners: WB, ADB, UNDP, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Denmark, European Union (EU), Finland, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, BirdLife, Care International, Fauna & Flora International Indochina Programme, Oxfam Great Britain, SNV – Netherlands Development Organization, IUCN, The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Tropenbos International Vietnam Programme, Helvetas Vietnam, Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)	12 November 2001
2. Country Partnership on Sustainable Forest Land Management	WB, GEF, Trust Fund for Forests (TFF), UNDP, IUCN	December 2007

Table 8: List of consultative meetings on UNCCD implementation

Name of consultative meeting	Date/year	Donor countries involved	International organizations or agencies of the United Nations system involved
1 National conference on the first national report development	October 1999	-	-
2 National Conference on NAP development	November 2001	Netherlands, Japan, Finland	UNDP, FAO, UNCCD, UNESCAP
3 National conference on the second national report development	March 2002	-	-
4 National Conference on UNCCD implementation, period 2005-2010	September 2004	Netherlands	UNDP, UNCCD, ESCAP, FAO, JBIC, WB
5 Science and Technology Advisory Group Meeting	June 2005	-	UNDP, IUCN, WB, UNESCAP
6 Consultative Workshop of potential donors	June 2005	-	UNDP, IUCN, WB

Table 9: List of 12 projects under implementation directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

Name of project	Project implemented within the framework of ...	Time frame	Partners involved	Overall budget
1 Five Million ha Reforestation Programme (5MHRP)	NAP and FSSP&P	1998 - 2010	SFEs, households	33,000 billion VND
2 Conducting survey on current use of coastal area in Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thua Thien-Hue	Environment Programme of MONRE	2004 - 2006		9,781 million VND
3 Survey of underground water Northern Mountainous Region (Lai Chau, Dien Bien, Son La, Lao Cai, Ha Giang, Bac Can)	Environment Programme of MONRE	2005 - 2006		23,551 million VND
4 Survey of underground water of 7 provinces of 5 provinces of Central Highland	Environment Programme of MONRE	2005 - 2006		23,181 million VND

5	Forestry Development to improve livelihood in Central Highland	FSSP&P	2006 - 2012	Asian Development Bank (ADB), Finland, Netherlands, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)	79 million USD
6	Rehabilitation of degraded watershed areas of Northern Mountainous Region	Vietnam-Japan Bilateral agreement	2003 - 2008	JICA	4,350,000 USD
7	Forest planting in Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh and Phu Yen	FSSP&P	2005 - 2010	KfW	9,714,546 EUR
8	Plantation development to fix sand dune movement in Central Coastal Region	NAP	2002 - 2007	Japan, JBIC	15 million USD
9	Forest Sector Development Project	FSSP&P and NAP	2004 - 2010	WB, GEF, Finland, EU, Netherlands	74,5 million USD
10	SGP-GEF UNDP projects on combating desertification	NAP	2003-2010		SGP-GEF UNDP
11	Irrigation development programme in 4 priority areas	Irrigation programme, MARD	2000-2010	Government of Vietnam (GOV)	35,000 billion VND
12	Science and Technology Programmes on combating desertification	MARD, MONRE	2000-2010		GOV

Table 10: List of 3 new projects submitted to donors and/or approved by donors under NAP

	Name of Project	Under framework of ...	Time period	Participating partners	Total budget
1	Development Country Partnership Programme on Sustainable Forest Land Management: Phase 1	NAP and FSSP&P	2006 - 2007	GOV, GEF-WB, Trust Fund for Forests (TFF), local communities, households and other potential partners	800,000 USD
2	Landscape based sustainable management of desertification vulnerable forest land, for economic improvement and natural disaster prevention.	NAP	2006 - 2015	GOV, GTZ, local communities, households and other potential partners	4,950,000 USD
3	Addressing land degradation in the South Central Coastal Region, Vietnam	NAP	2006-2007	GOV, GEF-UNDP, local communities, households and other potential partners	800,000 USD

YEMEN

2-1- Institutional contacts

Name of Contact Agency	General Directorate of Forests and Desertification Control (GDFDC)
Address	Alhasaba'a, Sana'a Yemen email: GDFDC@Yemen.net.ye email: ahmadallattas@y.net.ye

2-2 State of National Work Plan

Question	Answer
Date of approval for the NPACD	Cabinet Decree no. 259/2000 dated 5/12/2000
Presentation of National Work Programme	included 6 programme in the field of desertification control, forest and institutional building
Is the national programme being included within the strategy to combat poverty?	Yes
Is the national programme included within the national development strategy?	Yes it was included within the TFYP for socio-economic development and to alleviate poverty 2006-2010
Has the national work programme with or without partnership started?	Not yet
Date expected to approve the national work programme	Already approved
Is there any final draft for national work programme	It is there but needs updating
Is there any project for national work programme being implemented now	Yes
Have the basic principles guidelines for national work programme been established?	Yes
Is the operation at the beginning stage?	No
Has it started?	Yes

2-3 Member of Regional/Subregional Work Programme

Name of the Regional/Subregional Framework	Type of Participation
International Centre for Agricultural Research on Dry Areas (ICARDA) (WANA) The Arab Centre for the Study of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD) (SARAP)	West Asia and North Africa Dry land Sustainable Development Programme. A questionnaire was prepared and a workshop attended in Syria, October 2004. Integrated Natural Resources Management as a pilot site for water harvesting in Rama'a, Lahj was established. This was followed by a workshop in December 2003.
TPN1	Desertification Monitoring and Evaluation for Asia (Beijing). Yemen participated in the workshop to Evaluate Desertification in Beijing, October 2003.
TPN2	Agroforestry Programme (India). Yemen participated in a workshop in December 2003.
TPN3	Asia Rangeland Programme. Yemen has not participated in any functions.
TPN4	Asia water Programme. Yemen prepared a questionnaire in this field.
TPN6	Asia Local Societies Development Programme. Yemen participated in a workshop in Pakistan, June 2004. Yemen also participated in preparation of work paper and questionnaire.
GEF	Sustainable Land Management. Yemen participated in the workshop that was held in Iran, October 2004 for West Asia Region and presented a work paper.

2-4 The component of National Coordination Authority

Name of Institution	Gov.	NGO	Gender
GDFDC	✓	--	Men and Women
Authorities and Agricultural Offices in the Governorates	✓	--	Men and Women
General Authority for Environment Protection	✓	--	Men and Women
AREA	✓	--	Men and Women
Water Resources General Authority	✓	--	Men and Women
Local Councils	✓	--	Men and Women
NGO	?	?	?

2-5 Total number of approved non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the operation is 60 Societies.

The General Authority For Environment Protection is considered as the government body to coordinate between national societies and NGOs and that deals with desertification control and environment Protection. Currently the authority is working in gathering these societies under an umbrella of a union	60 societies
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2-6 Total number of legislatives and decrees related to UNCCD

S	Title of Law / Decree	Approval Date
1	Law of Environment Protection no. 101	2005
2	Decree no. 275 to divide Socatra'a Archipelago into Protected and Development Areas	2000
3	Decree no. 135 that declares Damth Area as Tourist Area	2004
4	Decree no. 218 about the Organizational Structure Minute for the Ministry of Water and Environment	2004
5	Law no. 16 to Protect Marine Environment from Pollution	2004
6	Cabinet Decree no. 99 about the Integrated Management plan for Coastal Area in Aden Governorates	2005
7	Law no. 4 about the Local Authority	2004
8	Water Law	2003
9	Approval of draft law for Socio-economic Development Plan (finding references for the governorates to prepare a development plan)	2005
10	Cabinet Decree no. 95 about Organizing Water Management	2003
11	Cabinet Decree no. 83 about approving the International Convention that deal with Vegetation, Food and Agriculture Genetic Resources	2003
12	Decree no. 102 that deals with Supporting Decentralization and Coordination of Local Authority Development Programme	2003
13	Decree no. () about the Convention of the Wetland (RAMSAR)	2006

2-7 Advisory operation

2-7-1 Numbers of partnership agreements signed within the UNCCD framework

S	Official Title of Partnership	Donors	Date of Approval
1	Constant Organic Polluters Convention (pops)		Cabinet 2004
2	Conservation of Migrated Country Animal Species		Cabinet 2002
3	Rotterdam Convention		Cabinet 2002
4	Kyoto Protocol		The President 2004
5	Arab Fund Assistance Agreement	France	2005
6	Cooperation Agreement between Yemen and International Fund for Agricultural Development (sponsoring Aldhalie Project and Rural Roads)	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - MID UK Recycling Ltd.	
7	Agreement for the preparation of the TFYP for Development and Poverty Alleviation 2006-2010		2005
8	Wetland Convention	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - The World Conservation Union (IUCN)	2001

S	Advisory Meeting	Date	Donor/ Agency/ Country	International org. or UN Agencies
1	CoP 6	May 2005	Italy	UNCCD
2	Forum on Scientific Research and its Role in Desertification Control and Sand Dunes Stabilization	April 2005	Oman	UNCCD
3	CoP 7 (Nairobi)	October 2005	Kenya	UNCCD
4	CRIC 3	May 2005	Germany	UNCCD
5	Meeting on Forest and Rangeland Coordinated Policies Project	May 2006	Egypt	FAO

2-8 Projects currently implemented and directly or indirectly related to the UNCCD

S	Project Title	Project implemented in NWP framework	Project Implemented in framework of	Duration	Partners	Total Budget in USD
1	Irrigation Development (Zabid/Tuban)	no	MAI	2001-2006	IDA	25.6 m.
2	Auto Assistance and Dependence Development	no	MAI	2001-2005	Germany/ Yemen	6.1 m.
3	Rural Development (Raimaah)	no	MAI	1999-2005	Netherlands/ International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	17 m.
4	Rural Development (Almahrah)	no	MAI	2000-2007	IFAD	17 m.
5	Wadi Hadramout Agric. Deve.	no	MAI	2001-2006	Arab Fund for Socio-economic Development	14.7m
6	Groundwater and Soil Conservation	no	MAI	2004-2009	World Bank	53.3 m.
7	Restructuring Agric. Sector	no	MAI	2004-2006	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	320,000
8	Rural Water	no	MAI		German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)	3 m.
9	Rural Development of Southern Gov. (Sayoune)	no	MAI	1998-2005	World Bank/ IFAD	38.6 m
10	Participatory Rural Development (Dhamar Highland)	no	MAI	2005-2011	IFAD/World Food Programme (WFP) Netherlands	18 m.
