

## **UNCCCD BRIEF FOR KENYA**

The theme for this year's World Desertification and Drought Day is "**United for Land. Our Legacy. Our Future**". In Kenya, this year's National commemoration will be held on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024** in **Ol Kinyei Grounds, Doldol – Laikipia County**. This site hosts a 250-acres demo plot that was donated by the Maiyanat Community in Doldol with an aim of creating awareness and building the capacity of communities on science, technology and innovation in combating desertification, land degradation and drought. Various technologies and innovations will be exhibited by partners and stakeholders including the use of Semi-Circular bunds and Vallerani system. This will enhance water retention to facilitate restoration of degraded landscapes and restore water sources and wetlands downstream for the growth of vegetation especially grass. Grass reseeding is key in addressing land cover, land productivity and soil organic carbon.

The County and National preparatory processes towards World Desertification and Drought Day Event include constituting of the National and County Steering Committees comprising of relevant lead agencies set-up by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to spearhead implementation of the UNCCD Convention.

The Government of Kenya has committed to plant 15 billion trees by 2032 to combat desertification, land degradation and drought. Hence **United For Land. Our Legacy. Our Future.**

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