

Background:

Drought is a prolonged dry period in the natural climate cycle caused by a lack of rainfall. It is a complex disaster with systemic globally networked risks that drive global, regional, national and/or local imbalances in availability of water for energy, food, health, and ecosystems.

In 2013, several UN agencies, international and regional organizations and key national agencies organized the High-Level Meeting on National Drought Policy ([HMNDP](#)) in Geneva. The conference was a watershed moment for drought management and helped to shift the focus from crisis management to pro-active drought management in many countries around the world.

In 2023, 10 years after this landmark event for drought management, partners of the International Drought Management Programme ([IDMP](#)) are organizing the *conference* to find new ways to tackle the challenge.

The Challenge:

Following the first HMNDP, many countries have established drought policies and the methods of drought risk management like the three-pillar approach of Integrated Drought Management (IDM) and other approaches have successfully helped to mitigate drought risk in many places around the world. Still, overall, the impacts of droughts on communities, livelihoods, economies and ecosystems are increasing in most regions, particularly in developing countries. Drought risk is growing rapidly in many regions around the world due to a combination of increasing magnitude and frequency of droughts under climate change, the increasing and unaddressed existing structural vulnerability of many societies, together with the increasing exposure of a growing, as well as aging, population in many regions. To keep up with this increasing need for drought resilience, IDM implementation needs to be accelerated and scaled up significantly. The *conference* will be a platform to find and agree on answers to this global challenge.

Goals of the *conference*:

- Reflect on successes and challenges of 10 years of drought risk management since 2013 to learn how to achieve drought resilience in the next decade
- Consolidate and plan jointly how drought resilience can be brought to scale to respond to the accelerating impacts of climate change in the next decade by applying systems thinking
- Work with political leaders to strengthen awareness, mobilize resources, prioritize drought and increase commitments to building drought resilience and to implement Integrated Drought Management

Time:

The *conference* will take place between October and December 2023 as a hybrid 4-day conference including a high-level segment. The venue is still to be determined.

Process:

In the lead up to the *conference* a series of events will be held and will collect input and topics to be discussed as well as to raise awareness. Please find the list here ([link to be added](#))

Organization:

Eleven Partner Organizations of the IDMP formed the International Organizing Committee (see list [here](#)) to coordinate the preparation of the *conference*. It is an open process and through the events

High-Level Meeting on National Drought Policy +10

Integrating Practice and Knowledge for Drought Resilience

Concept

towards the *conference* as well as through IDMP and all IOC partners all contributions are very much welcome!

Draft Agenda:

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Pre-AM (8.30-9.30)		<i>Side Events 3</i>	<i>Side Events 6</i>	International Drought Resilience Alliance
Morning (9.30-11.00)	Opening	Session 3: Drought Impact monitoring, assessment and forecasting	Session 7: Drought Risk Finance	
Morning (11.00-12.30)	Setting the Stage: The complexity of drought resilience under global change	Session 4: The Need to turn drought risk management policies into action	Session 8: Public-Private-Civil Society Partnerships for integrated drought risk management	High Level Segment with declaration
Lunch (12.30-13.30) Incl. poster sessions	<i>Side Events 1</i>	<i>Side Events 4</i>	<i>Side Events 7</i>	
Afternoon (14.00-15.30)	Session 1: Drought resilience and global mechanisms	Session 5: Ecosystems and Drought	Session 9: Implementing new and existing drought risk management policies	Closing
Afternoon (15.30-17.00)	Session 2: Drought risk governance: The regional, national, and local challenges	Session 6: Social Inclusion, climate justice and Drought	Closing session: Turning drought resilience challenges into action	
Afternoon (17.00-18.00) Posters	<i>Side Events 2</i>	<i>Side Events 5</i>		

Contact: (we will create an email based on the final agreement of the short name of the conference)

More info on: www.droughtmanagement.info/hmndp10/