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KEY OUTCOMES with a particular
Focus on Drought

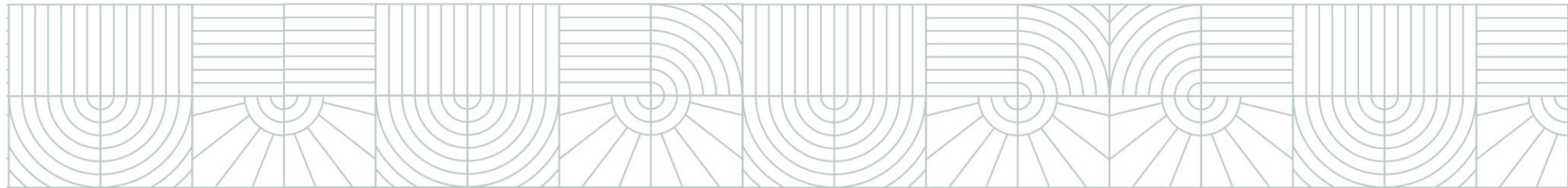


Largest and most inclusive UNCCD COP



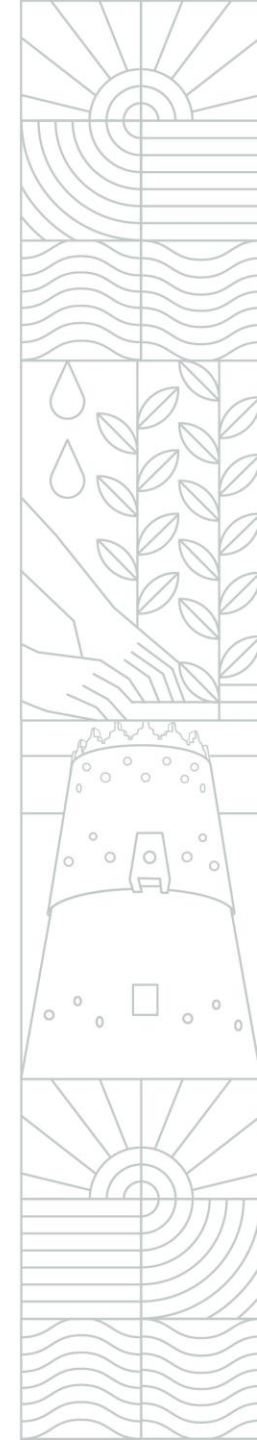
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- **39** decisions
- **> 24,000** registered participants in the Blue Zone
- **> 33,000** registered in the Green Zone
- **176** Parties represented
- **580** side-events
- **141** High-Level segment participants
- **3,500** Civil Society Organizations representatives
- **> 400** private sector representatives from finance, fashion, agri-food, and pharma sectors



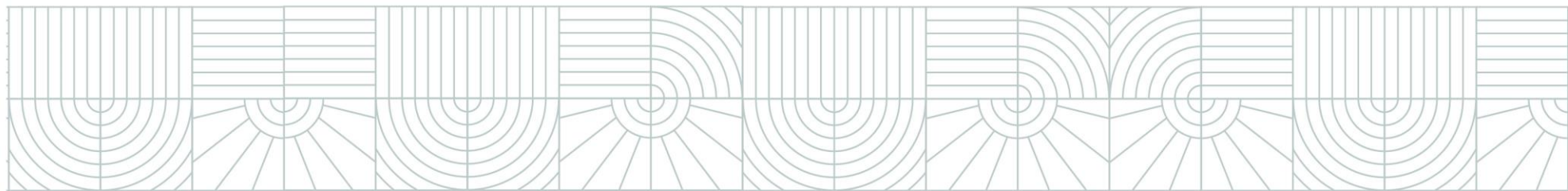
COP 16 follow-up- intergovernmental Process (1)

- **Land Degradation Riyadh Global Drought Resilience Partnership**
 - Continuation of GM project support (PPP); Africa GGW; Peace Forest Initiative, G-20, Rangelands Flagship Initiative
- **Gender**
 - Gender caucus meetings; Information products, tools (with Rio Conventions)
- **Land Tenure**
 - Compendium of grievance mechanisms/legislative guidance
- **SDS**
 - Global SDS Initiative (with UN Coalition)
- **Science and Policy**
 - Global Land Outlook III and thematic/regional reports
- **Stakeholder engagement, Private Sector, Rio Conventions, Capacity Building**



COP 16 follow-up- intergovernmental Process (2)

- **Launch of Riyadh Global Drought Resilience Partnership**
 - Mobilized **USD 2.15 billion** to support drought resilience
 - Governance structure and operationalization (under development)
- **Drought Resilience and Land restoration**
 - Mobilized **USD 10 billion** to support Drought Resilience and Land restoration efforts



COP 16 follow-up- intergovernmental Process (3)

Drought – Building the basis for COP 17

Decision 24/COP.16

Follow-up on policy frameworks and thematic issues: Drought

The Conference of the Parties,

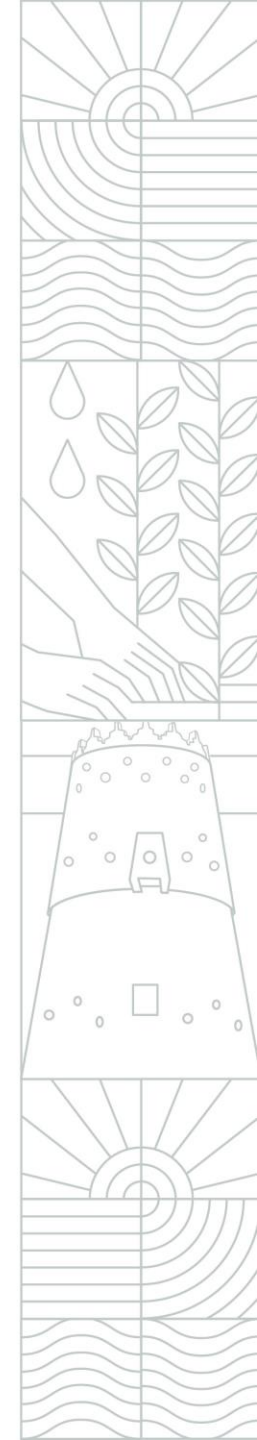
1. *Takes note* of the report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Drought and the options contained therein;
2. *Decides* to continue discussions on the basis of the progress made at the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties in Riyadh, as contained in the annex to this decision, with a view to adopting a decision in this regard at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties.



COP 16 follow-up- intergovernmental Process (4)

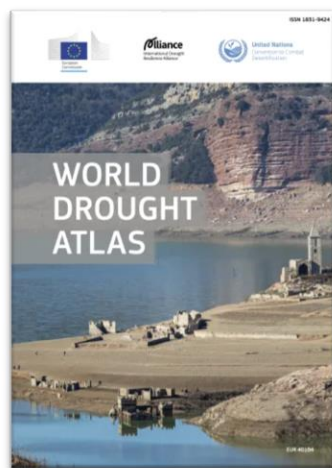
Drought – Building the basis for COP 17 (Cont.)

- **Riyadh Global Drought Resilience Partnership** - initiated by KSA, invite Parties & international community to join the partnership & strengthen advocacy/support on drought resilience.
- **IDRA/IDRO**: Continuation of the International Drought Resilience Alliance (IDRA) & the further development/launch of IDRO at COP 17.
- **Integration of drought into GEF 9**: To continue working with GEF to ensure the establishment of “Drought” as an independent Integrated Programme at GEF -9 to consolidate multiple work programmes in areas vulnerable to drought .
- **Turning National Drought Plans into Investment Plans** – Practical Guidelines for Building Drought-resilient Value Chains and models for drought investments at country level.
- **Capacity Building, CLP** - Further development of the Communities of Learning and Practice (CLP), UNCCD Drought toolbox, Drought Impact Tracker (with OSS & Uni of Nebraska).
- **Knowledge Products/Policy briefs**: Policy briefs on lessons learnt from the CLPs; Drought in the Rangelands; Regional Drought ATLAS (Africa/LAC) (tbc); Follow-up to DR+10 (Focus book), 2026 UN-Water Conference; World Water Week, etc.

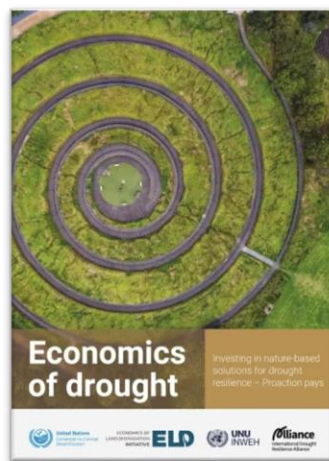


Strengthening Science

- Decision on the **Future Science Policy Interface (SPI)**
- Launch of the first phase of **International Drought Resilience Observatory (IDRO)**
- Evidence-Based Decision-Making
- Reports released:



World Drought Atlas



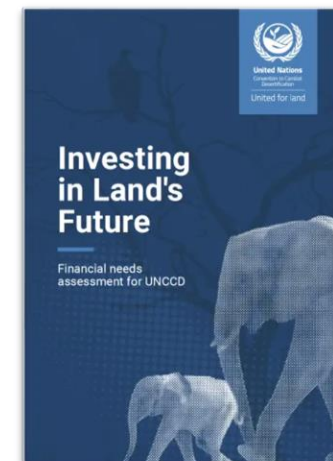
Economics of Drought



Stepping back from the precipice: Transforming land management to stay within planetary boundaries



The global threat of drying lands: Regional and global aridity trends and future projections



Investing in Land's Future: Financial needs assessment for UNCCD



Thank you

