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**MACEDONIAN REPORT: COUNTRY DROUGHT
BACKGROUND and STATUS**

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Legislation and Responsibilities

- 1. MEPP of the Republic of Macedonia, apart from other competences, is the competent Ministry for combating desertification, under the Law on Environment – Chapter XIX concerning sustainable development and global environmental issues.**
- 2. In compliance with the principles of international cooperation and UNCCD, Republic of Macedonia should develop and adopt National Plan to Combat Desertification and Mitigate the Effects of Draughts (Art. 191 of the Law).**



Legislation and Responsibilities

- 3. In the frames of the National Plan to Combat Desertification and Mitigate the Effects of Draughts, Action Programme to Combat Desertification and Mitigate the Effects of Draughts should be developed and adopted as well (Art. 192 of the Law).**
- 4. Once the mentioned documents are developed, their implementation in practice, by carrying out the relevant activities, is an obligation of all competent bodies of the state administration, institutions and legal persons.**
- 5. Development, adoption, implementation and control over the implemented results related to the said national documents are performed by MEPP, in cooperation with MAFWE and AHMA of the Republic of Macedonia.**



Background

- Republic of Macedonia ratified the UNCCD Convention with Law on Ratification (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia no. 13/2002). on 06th March 2002 with effective date of entry into the force 4th June 2002.
- Regarding UNCCD Convention and National Drought Management Policies, Republic of Macedonia, on National level undertook number of activities, among which, but not limited to are:
- During 2005 year, by Governmental decision of the Republic of Macedonia National Board for UNCCD was established, responsible for coordination and regular follow up of the implementation of national obligations and activities connected with UNCCD



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- For 2006, 2010 and 2012 years, responsible institutions for implementation of UNCCD Convention, had prepared and presented National reports for activities in the Republic of Macedonia
- Through the established UNCCD 10-Year Strategy and Reporting Process under UNCCD all NAP-s should be revised and adapted with obligations from it.
- In present period of the 2013 year, to the next September, Republic of Macedonia will prepare the National Program of Activities so called NAP for the implementation of the UNCCD. Preparation of NAP is supported by GEF funds (cluster of enabling activities) and its implementation will be supported by UNEP.



Status

- **We are planning to realize/implement most urgent and important obligations defined in the National Activities Program (NAP), through GEF Project under the available national STAR 5 allocation for Republic of Macedonia, for multi focal areas, biodiversity and land degradation. Currently with UNEP as appointed GEF Implementing agency, Republic of Macedonia is in the process of formulation of Project idea and its consultation with relevant national stakeholders.**
- **In Republic of Macedonia under implementation are several different projects in area of environment, climate changes, biodiversity conservation, agriculture, hydrology, forestry etc., which are directly and/or indirectly interconnected with activities for implementation of the UNCCD Convention. Projects are developed, coordinated and implemented by different responsible national institutions or ministries and international programs and society.**

