

Welcome/Networking

09:00 - 09:30 Hours

Session 1

09:30- 11:00

High Level Session

Opening: Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, UNCCD

Speakers:

- Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Mr. Hugo Morán Fernández, Spanish Secretary of State for Environment
- Ms. Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Ms. Oulimata Sarr, UN Women Regional Director for West and Central Africa
- Mr. Abdoulaye Sene, Executive Secretary of the 9th World Water Forum
- Mr. Ibrahimia Diong, UN Assistant Secretary General & Director General of African Risk Capacity Group
- Ms. Patricia Kombo, UNCCD Land Hero, Kenya
- Mr. Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General of WMO (video message)

Moderator: Ms. Leigh Ann Winowiecki, Global Research Theme Leader, Soil and Land Health, CIFOR-ICRAF

Session 2

11:00-12:15

Working session showcasing examples of effective national and regional policies and projects that improve drought resilience

Moderator: Mr. Michael Bruentrup, German Development Institute

Keynote: Mr. Mark Howden, Vice Chair of the IPCC (video message)

Speakers:

- Mr. Thomas Iseman, The Nature Conservancy
- Mr. Heinrich Wyes, Advisor to the Executive Director of CAREC
- Mr. Abduvokhid Zakhadullaev, National Focal Point, Uzbekistan
- Mr. Chris Magero, IUCN
- Ms. Nathalie van Haren, Both Ends (tbc)

Lunch Break

12:15 - 13:30

Launch of new publications

Moderator: Daniel Tsegai, UNCCD

- IWG Blue Paper - Mr. German Kust /Ms. Gunilla Bjorklund (IWG)
- Report on Financing Drought - Maher Salman (FAO)
- Best Practices of Drought Risk Mitigation Measures - Maher Salman (FAO)
- Drought & Water Scarcity - Robert Stefanski (WMO)
- Drought in Numbers - Daniel Tsegai (UNCCD)

Lunch provided

Session 3

13:30-14:35

Early Warning and Action Systems

The session will highlight the role of new technologies, including satellite imagery and artificial intelligence, in delivering input and analysis for timely decision making

Moderator: Mr. Gaius Eudoxie, Co-Chair of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Drought

Speakers:

- Ms. Lucy Barker, UK-CEH Good Practice Guidance
- Ms. Eva Pek, Agricultural Stress Index System, FAO
- Mr. Issa Garba, AGHRYMET – CILSS – West Africa
- Mr. Valentin Aich, Integrated Drought Management Programme - Regional Programmes, GWP
- Mr. Andrea Toreti, European Drought Observatory, EU-JRC

Session 4

14:30-15:30

Sustainable Finance

The session will focus on how sustainable finance could be channeled into nature-positive bankable projects that contribute to drought resilience

Moderator: Mr. Maher Salman, Senior Land and Water Officer, FAO

Speakers:

- Ms. Camilla Nordheim-Larsen, Senior Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Coordinator, UNCCD
- Mr. Amath Pathe Sene, Lead of Environment and Climate for West and Central Africa, IFAD
- Mr. Cecil Nartey, Program Coordinator of the Africa Disaster Risk Financing Initiative, African Development Bank
- Mr. Chris Dickinson, Ecosystems Management Senior Specialist, Green Climate Fund
- Mr. Oluyede Ajayi, Programme Lead, Food Security and Rural Well Being, Global Center on Adaptation

Closing: Ms. Caroline King, Senior Drought Specialist, The Border Institute

Break / Networking Coffee

15:30 - 16:00

Session 5

16:00 - 17:00

Towards a High-level Meeting on Drought 2023 (HMNDP 2013 +10)

The session will focus on lessons learned from the High-Level Meeting on National Drought Policies (HMNDP in March 2013) and will discuss ideas on a possible multi-partner 2023 High-level Meeting on Drought (HMNDP + 10)

Moderator: Mr. Robert Stefanski , Chief, Agricultural Meteorology Division (WMO)

Panelists:

- Ms. Miriam Medel, Chief, External Relations, Policy and Advocacy, UNCCD
- Ms. Katrin Ehlert, IDMP/WMO
- Mr. Mark Svoboda, Director, National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska
- Ms. Rachael McDonnell, Deputy Director General, International Water Management Institute
- Mr. Lifeng Li, Director, Land and Water Division, FAO

Closing

17:00 - 17:15

Ms. Andrea Meza Murillo, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNCCD