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IT IS PEOPLE'S DAY AT COP16!

People's Day at UNCCD COP16 highlights the essential role of non-state actors—youth, women, local governments, farmers and civil society organizations –in addressing desertification, land degradation and drought. The UNCCD people-centered approach recognizes the impact of community-driven initiatives in achieving Land Degradation Neutrality. The event focus is:

- 1. Empowering youth leadership:** Highlights youth-driven projects in land restoration and climate action, featuring initiatives like the Youth Caucus and Land Heroes campaign, which amplify the contributions of young leaders.
- 2. Advancing gender equality in land management:** Promotes the UNCCD Gender Action Plan to ensure women's full participation in land decisions. The Gender Caucus will discuss progress and strategies to enhance women's roles in sustainable land use.
- 3. Urban-rural partnerships for sustainable land:** Focuses on local government efforts like the Mayors 4 Land initiative, promoting urban-rural collaboration for sustainable land management and restoration.

By elevating non-state actors' voices, People's Day at COP16 aims to inspire inclusive, sustainable solutions that empower communities and advance global land restoration efforts.



CSO QUOTES

"The efforts of women engaged in the fight against desertification must be better known and supported by accessible funding flowing from supranational platforms to women's territories".

Ndeye Khady Ndiaye, Sénégal

TODAY



**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
HIGH-LEVEL EVENT**

Indigenous Peoples
for Land

7 December 2024

10:00 – 13:00

Action Dome MET 33,
Blue Zone

KEY MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Encourage more inclusivity within UNCCD:

- **Support the Gender Caucus** to organise network and knowledge-sharing events during and in between the official UNCCD meetings.
- **Ensure that a gender expert is included in the Terms of Reference for the composition of the UNCCD Science-Policy Interface.**
- **At the national level, name gender focal points for UNCCD.**
- **Support the Youth Caucus** to organise network and knowledge-sharing events during and in between the official UNCCD meetings.
- **Support and facilitate the establishment of an Indigenous Peoples' Caucus** within the UNCCD to enhance their effective and practical participation in UNCCD processes.
- **Support and actively engage with civil society organisations** on UNCCD matters, policies and reporting and in preparation of the COPs and CRICs, at the local, subnational, national and international levels.
- **Provide training, workshops, and exchange platforms** to Parties, civil society, scientists, and other key actors to enhance understanding of inclusivity within the UNCCD and the other Rio Conventions.
- **Financially support the CSO Panel** in mobilising CSOs within the context of UNCCD.
- **Welcome representatives of the UNCCD CSO Observer group appointed by the CSO Panel to be part of the contact groups.**

Reduce drought sensitivity and improve resilience of agricultural systems:

A great challenge to be reach for the next Desertif'actions dynamic!

For the farming world, reducing the risk of drought is a major concern that has far-reaching implications for the configuration of agricultural systems. **Farming practices have a direct effect on the vulnerability of systems to drought:** the choice of seeds, the maintenance of soil fertility, diversification to spread the risk, and so on. More specifically, they can help to manage the sensitivity of farms to the impact of drought, and improve their resilience. In this respect, farming systems inspired by the principles of agroecology appear to be some of the most effective in reducing sensitivity to the risk of drought, and more conducive to the resilience of populations and ecosystems.

In spite of this, it has to be said that **decision-makers are still slow to take these advances on board, whether at the level of the Rio Conventions or national policies.** CARI, in partnership with the UNCCD and the OSS, is keen to strengthen the topic for convincing governments and international institutions to work towards reducing the rural world's sensitivity to drought and improving its resilience, and is organizing **the next Désertif'actions summit (2026 in Djerba, Tunisia)** on the subject of drought resilience: supporting territories to better anticipate risks, reduce their sensitivity to impact and promote their resilience...

This program will start in 2025 with a dynamic of knowledge sharing and consultation between all the partners around the world who want to make their contribution by sharing their own observations, experiences and innovations... **Do you want to get involved and join us in this international multi-stakeholder dynamic?** Get in touch with CARI and visit the dedicated website: www.desertif-actions.org.