

UNCCD Drought Initiative

2018-2017 Strategic Objective 3 of the 2018-2030 Strategic Framework



Drought Resilience, Adaptation and Management Policy framework



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Framework

Strategic objective 3: To mitigate, adapt to, and manage the effects of drought in order to enhance resilience of vulnerable populations and ecosystems

Expected impact 3.1 Ecosystems' vulnerability to drought is reduced, including through sustainable land and water management practices.

Expected impact 3.2 Communities' resilience to drought is increased.

Requests the establishment and improvement of the monitoring framework for strategic objective 3 and consideration of the need for a specific indicator

Drought Policy Framework

Use the Drought Resilience, Adaptation and Management Policy framework

Pursue a proactive approach on integrated drought management in the process of developing national drought policies based on the three key pillars of national drought policy:

- (i) implementing comprehensive drought monitoring and early warning systems;
- (ii) completing vulnerability and impact assessments for sectors, populations and regions vulnerable to drought; and
- (iii) implementing drought preparedness and risk mitigation measures;

Drought Preparedness

Develop a comprehensive system on drought preparedness that embraces :

- (i) analyzing drought risk;
- (ii) monitoring the location and intensity of an upcoming drought;
- (iii) communicating alerts to authorities, media and vulnerable communities; and
- (iv) responding to drought warnings

Drought Initiative 2018-2019

Requests the secretariat, UNCCD institutions and bodies, to:

(a) Implement the drought initiative which proposes action on:

(i) drought preparedness systems; (ii) regional efforts to reduce drought vulnerability and risk; and (iii) a toolbox to boost the resilience of people and ecosystems to drought;

(b) Support countries to develop and implement national drought management policies, as well as the establishment and strengthening of comprehensive drought monitoring, preparedness and early warning systems;

Collaboration

Build on and strengthen collaboration with relevant United Nations entities and the Rio conventions secretariats, as well as development partners and relevant international organizations, to support activities on sand and dust storms, drought monitoring, preparedness and early warning systems, drought vulnerability assessments and drought risk mitigation measures;

Currently drafting an MOU with UNOOSA