

LAND DEGRADATION AND DESERTIFICATION

Provisional agenda of the webinar to launch France's new international strategic guidelines

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4 pm to 6 pm (GMT+1)

Moderated by Mr. Patrice Burger, President of the Centre d'Actions et de Réalisations Internationales (CARI, France) member of the roster of experts of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Introduction

16h-16h15

- Opening
- **Introduction:** The importance of the land issues on the international agenda
- Countries' commitments in the multilateral framework of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- France's new international strategic guidelines on desertification (2020-2030)

Moderator

Mr. Yann Wehring, Interministerial ambassador for the environment - France
Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to combat desertification (video record)
Mr. Philippe Lacoste, Director for sustainable development, Ministry of Europe and foreign affairs - France

Session 1 – Mobilize all actors

16h15-16h40

The strategic guidelines discussed:

- Objective 1: Influence strategic guidelines of international and regional institutions
- Objective 2: Mobilize financial resources
- Objective 3: Support national and local governance
- Objective 4: Involve civil society more
- Objective 5: Facilitate the involvement of research

Speakers:

- **Mr. Nabil Ben Khatra**, New Executive Secretary of the Observatory of the Sahara and the Sahel (OSS) - Tunisia
- **Mr. Gilles Kleitz**, Director of the ecological transition and natural resource management department, French Development Agency (AFD) - France

Session 2 – Mobilize and share knowledge

16h40-17h05

The strategic guidelines discussed:

- Objective 6: Continue developing research
- Objective 7: Design, apply and distribute common approaches

Speakers:

- **Mr. Jonathan Davies**, Coordinator of the Global Drylands Initiative, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) - Kenya
- **Mr. Jangorzo Salifou Nouhou**, Ambassador for Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) studies in Niger, University of Maradi - Niger

Session 3 – Develop higher performing projects

17h05-17h30

The strategic guidelines discussed:

- Objective 8: Further the development of projects with multiple benefits
- Objective 9: Strengthen project sustainability
- Objective 10: Guarantee conditions required to implement sustainable actions

Speakers:

- **Mr. Sylvestre Tientore**, Coordinator of the NGO's Permanent Secretariat (SPONG) - Burkina Faso
- **Mr. Gautier Queru**, LDN Fund director, Mirova - France

Session 4 – Develop more inclusive projects

17h30-17h55

The strategic guidelines discussed:

- Objective 11: Involve all populations in the definition and implementation of projects
- Objective 12: Ensure that the results benefit all of the local populations

Speakers:

- **Mr. Abdelbacet Hamrouni**, President of the Association of Citizenship and Sustainable Development (ACDD) – Tunisia
- **Mrs. Marioldy Sanchez Santivanez**, Director of the Forestry Alliance, Association for Research and Integral Development (AIDER) - Peru

Each session will be followed by a time to answer questions from the chat space.

Conclusion et closing remarks

17h55-18h00

Speakers

Mr. Yann Werhling – Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) - France

Yann Werhling is since December 5, 2018, Ambassador of France in charge of environmental issues in international negotiations. A wildlife specialist, he has campaigned for the reintroduction of the bear in the Pyrenees and the lynx in the Vosges. He joins ADEME (French Environment and Energy Management Agency) in 2013 as director of territorial action and until September 2017 he is director of regional action for the East and North zone. His commitment is also reflected in his political involvement in the environmentalist party *Les Verts*, where he was National Secretary from January 2005 to November 2006.

Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw – United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw is the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). Before holding this position he was the Special Envoy for the Sahel of the General Secretary of United Nations. With 40 years of experience in sustainable development, environmental governance and natural resource management, Mr. Thiaw has played a key role in shaping the strategic vision of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) as its Deputy Executive Director (2013-2018). He also served as Acting Director-General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Mr. Philippe Lacoste – Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) - France

Mr. Philippe Lacoste is Director for sustainable development at the ministry of Europe and foreign affairs. After training at the French State School of Public Works Engineers in Environmental Sciences, Philippe Lacoste joined the *Institut des Sciences Politiques de Paris* and then the *Ecole Nationale d'Administration*, to become a Senior Foreign Affairs Advisor. Ambassador in charge of international climate relations and head of the COP team in the office of the Minister of the environment, energy and the sea in 2016, he became French ambassador to Chad from 2016 to 2019, then joined the sustainable development department of the ministry of Europe and foreign affairs in September 2019.

Mr. Nabil Ben Khadra – Observatory of the Sahara and the Sahel (OSS) - Tunisia

Mr. Nabil Ben Khadra, recently appointed Executive Secretary of the OSS (resolution of the Board of Directors of November 17, 2020), is an Agricultural Engineer and Specialist in Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems. Mr. Ben Khadra works for the development of strategic partnerships and the mobilization of resources in response to various environmental issues and challenges in Africa. He is particularly involved in the development of environmental observation and monitoring tools, as well as the development of climate change mitigation and adaptation programs.

Mr. Gilles Kleitz – French Development Agency (AFD) - France

"Biodiversity is our life insurance," he says. This is why AFD must make nature-based solutions attractive and adapted to the countries it works with. Mr. Gilles Kleitz's role is to ensure that the preservation of ecosystems influences all of AFD's sectors of intervention (water, transport, energy, health, employment...). He is an agricultural engineer by training, a general engineer of the *Bridges, Water and Forests* and has a doctorate in political science. He has been working for more than thirty years on the links between conservation and sustainable development. Since the end of 2018, he has been coordinating the AFD's actions regarding agriculture, rural development, biodiversity, water and sanitation.

Mr. Jonathan Davies – International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) - Kenya

Mr. Jonathan Davies coordinates the Global Drylands Initiative and is the Global Agriculture Program Lead at IUCN, the International Union for Conservation of Nature. He leads IUCN's work on sustainable land management, rangeland restoration, and sustainable pastoralism, and is developing IUCN's program of work on sustainable agriculture and conservation. Mr. Davies is IUCN's representative to the UNCCD. He holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics and has over 25 years of experience in sustainable development and conservation, particularly in Africa, Asia and Europe.

Mr. Jangorzo Salifou Nouhou – University Dan Dicko Dankoulodo of Maradi - Niger

Mr. Jangorzo Salifou Nouhou is a teacher-researcher at the University of Maradi where he works on the sustainability of agricultural production systems and agroecology. He also teaches disciplines on soil science and water and soil conservation techniques. Mr. Jangorzo is the Ambassador for Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) studies in Niger, coordinating studies on the financial and economic benefits of investments made in the combat against land degradation in Niger. He is also active in studies on the development of agro-ecological options that improve soil fertility and agricultural production. Mr. Jangorzo holds an engineering degree in environmental ecology, a master degree in sustainable production systems and a PhD in agricultural sciences.

Mr. Sylvestre Tientore – Permanent Secretariat of NGOs (SPONG) - Burkina Faso

Mr. Sylvestre Tientore is a sociologist and philosopher. For more than 10 years, he has been coordinating the Permanent Secretariat of NGOs. The SPONG, founded nearly half a century ago by associations wishing to offer a concerted response to the waves of drought, is today a reference platform in Burkina Faso and West Africa. Mr. Tientore is committed to the combat against desertification "which is not a trend but a real necessity which, if not properly addressed, will eventually come back to our faces through sometimes unsuspected and regrettable drifts". He participated in the foundation of the Sahel Desertification Network (ReSaD) in 2010 along with CARI.

Mr. Gautier Quéru – Mirova - France

Mr. Gautier Quéru is director of the Land Degradation Neutrality Fund at Mirova, a management company dedicated to sustainable finance. After a first experience at the French Ministry of Economy, he joined the *Caisse des Dépôts* Group in 2005 for the launch of the European Carbon Fund dedicated to the financing of projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in developing countries. He then joined Mirova's renewable energy department in 2013 to finance the development of photovoltaic, wind and biogas projects. Since 2016, he has led the development of the LDN Fund established in partnership with the UNCCD.

Mr. Abdelbacet Hamrouni – Association of Citizenship and Sustainable Development (ACDD) - Tunisia

A native of the Chenini Gabès oasis in southern Tunisia, Mr. Abdelbacet Hamrouni is an association activist whose commitment is focused on the combat against desertification and the effects of climate change, in vulnerable Tunisian territories, particularly oases. With the ACDD, Mr. Hamrouni leads concrete participatory actions for sustainable development and rehabilitation of degraded ecosystems. With CARI, he was one of the founding members in 2001 of the Associative Network for the Sustainable Development of Oases (RADD0) which has enabled the structuring of the oasis civil society and national and international advocacy for oases, particularly in favor of their recognition as resilient ecosystems and international heritage of humanity.

Mrs. Marioldy Sanchez Santivanez - Association for Research and Integral Development (AIDER) - Peru

Mrs. Marioldy Sanchez Santivanez is a forest engineer with specializations in social management, project monitoring and evaluation. She started her career working with local communities in dryforests, giving technical assistance for forest inventory and environmental education. Then she has committed for the past 15 years to support community forest management, sustainable land management and restoration. She has also been involved in FSC forest certification and REDD+ initiatives in Peru. Mrs. Marioldy Sanchez Santivanez is strongly involved in the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, she is a former member of the Science-Policy Interface of the UNCCD and a former representative of Latin America and Caribbean region in the civil society panel.