

- ✓ The Intergovernmental Working Group (IWG) on Drought: Status
- ✓ Drought Initiative
- ✓ Roadmap/Priorities towards COP 15
- ✓ Other/Relevant Issues

The Intergovernmental Working Group on Drought

Dec 23/COP 14. The COP decided to establish an IWG on effective policy & implementation measures for addressing drought under the UNCCD & present its findings at COP15.

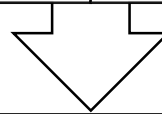
Terms of References:

- ❖ Stocktaking of & review the existing policy, implementation & institutional coordination frameworks, including partnerships, on drought preparedness & response.
- ❖ Considering options for appropriate policy, advocacy & implementation measures at all levels for addressing drought effectively under the Convention.
- ❖ Carrying out the task in the context of a wider holistic & integrated approach to disaster risk reduction & enhancing the resilience of communities & ecosystems.

The Intergovernmental Working group: Status

Baseline assessment of barriers & challenges

Policy/advocacy	Lack of capacity	Costs of inaction	Prediction & EWS
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Stock-taking/review by the four Task Groups

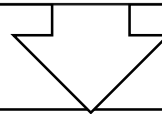
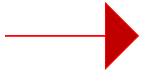
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Interim Report @ CRIC

Consideration of options, Draft Report Available

Decision Support	Technical	Policy
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Recommendations for decision @ COP. 15

Preliminary discussions in the IWG

Monitoring & Early Warning

- ❖ Towards early warning & monitoring systems of drought impacts (not only hazards!)
- ❖ Harnessing modern technology (AI, mobile & remote sensing) & role of traditional knowledge.

Resources & Incentives

- ❖ Providing incentives for communities & private sector actors to invest on drought risk mitigation/response measures.
- ❖ Identifying innovative financing instruments, such as insurance products, bonds, microfinance, drought funds (*in partnership with World Bank*)

Vulnerability Assessment

- ❖ Barriers/Challenges in addressing drought vulnerabilities (incl. gender considerations).
- ❖ Assessing the systemic effects of land degradation in deepening vulnerability [Drought Smart land management (D-SLM)]

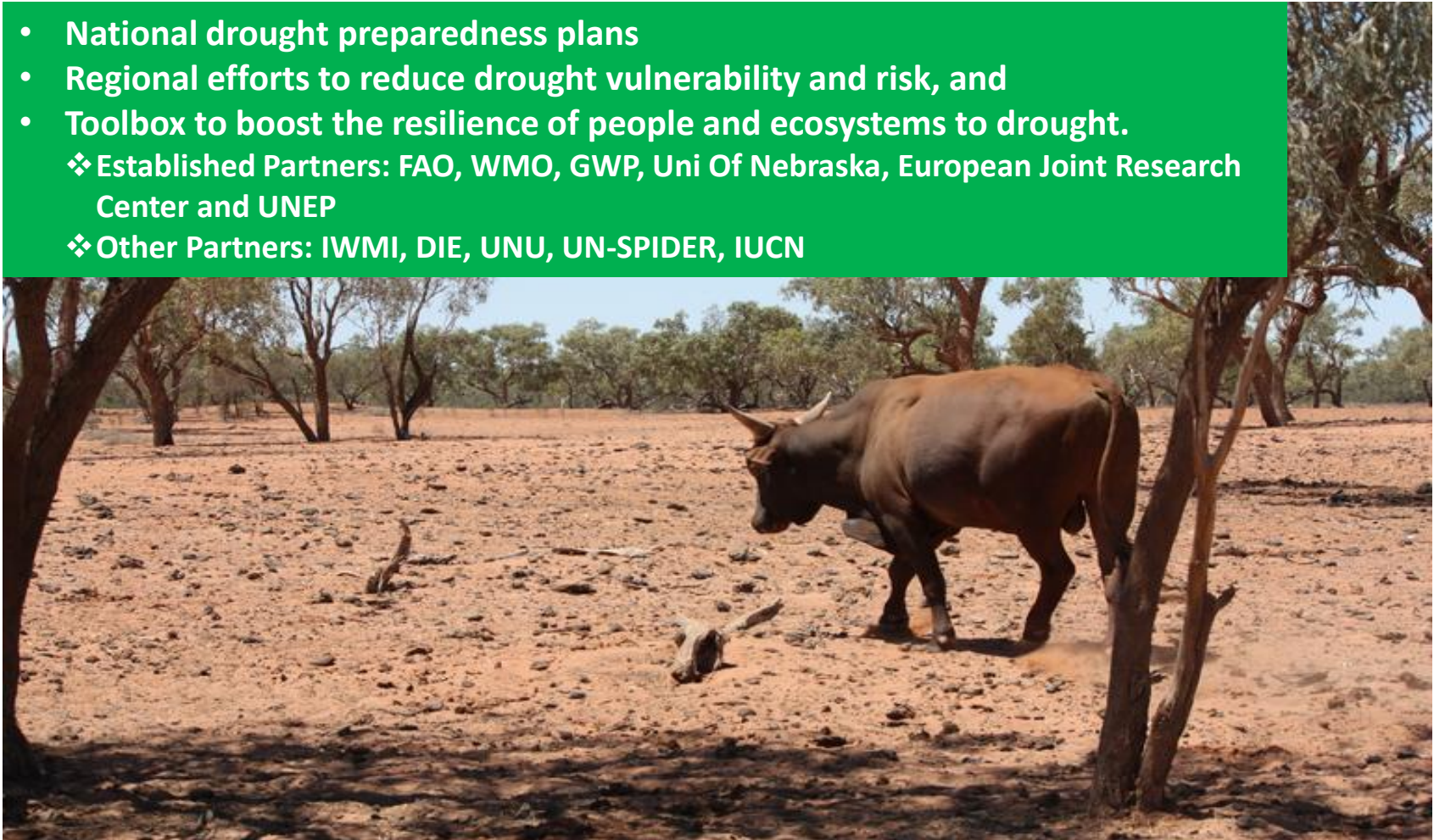
Policy and Governance

- ❖ Considerations of the scope for heightened global commitment & steps needed to build consensus.
- ❖ How to strengthen regional & global level capacity building, networks, collaborative centers.



The UNCCD Drought Initiative

- National drought preparedness plans
- Regional efforts to reduce drought vulnerability and risk, and
- Toolbox to boost the resilience of people and ecosystems to drought.
 - ❖ Established Partners: FAO, WMO, GWP, Uni Of Nebraska, European Joint Research Center and UNEP
 - ❖ Other Partners: IWMI, DIE, UNU, UN-SPIDER, IUCN



UNCCD Drought Initiative

- 73 countries are participating. 66 completed their national drought plans (May 2021)

Region	Countries	#
Africa	Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Somalia, Tanzania, Tunisia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, The Gambia, Togo, Zambia, Zimbabwe.	35
Asia	Cambodia, India, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Marshall Islands, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, The Philippines, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam.	15
LAC	Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Perú, Venezuela.	15
CEE	Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine.	8
Total		73

UNCCD-led Drought Toolbox is launched @ COP14

Drought Toolbox | Knowledge H... X

knowledge.unccd.int/drought-toolbox

DROUGHT TOOLBOX

Providing drought stakeholders with easy access to resources to support action on drought preparedness with the aim to boost the resilience of people and ecosystems.

[About the toolbox \[ES/ER\]](#)

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UPDATES

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The UNCCD Drought Toolbox

DROUGHT Monitoring and Early Warning

Explore tools and data

DROUGHT Vulnerability and Risk Assessment

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DROUGHT Risk Mitigation Measures

Find tools and solutions

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Global Water Partnership

European Commission

NDMC

UN Environment - UNEP Centre for Water and Environment

DHI

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Relevant Drought Reports/Updates for COP 15

GEF-supported project “Enabling Activities for Implementing UNCCD COP Drought Decisions (FAO/UNCCD)”

Identifying drought financing instruments, Drought Fund, etc. (GM)

Good Practice Guidance for National Reporting on SO3 (STI)

SPI technical Reports, follow-up of the WP of SPI Objective 2 (STI)

Collaborative Centres on Drought (ERPA)

SADC, Central Asia Drought Projects, incl. capacity building activities (ERPA/GM)

Thank You!



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Desertification

Next steps

- Clearer articulation of options & scope by the IWG
- IWG members to propose concrete options at all levels (with pros & cons of each of the options)
- Finalizing IWG report, supporting documents
- Modalities of regional Consultations/Update to Parties

@COP. 15

- A COP report responding to Dec 23/COP. 14 “Policy advocacy on drought” that considers the asks by Parties.
- Launch of the first Collaborative Center on Drought?
- Organizing a Drought Day (as in COP 14)?
- Launch of the HMNDP +10?