



Désertif'actions

- National workshop -

Report template for the national preparatory workshops of Désertif'actions 2026

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For drought-resilient communities and territories: let's act right now!

- This report template is intended for organisers of national preparatory workshops for Désertif'actions 2026. It details the information to be completed for the workshop reports, in order to facilitate the processing and pooling of the results of all the workshops. Other sections may be added depending on the activities planned by the organisers. If you have any questions, please write to contact@desertif-actions.org

General information

- Organisers and their logos

Gram Bharati Samiti (GBS)



- Date, location and venue of the workshop

17 June, 2025, Jaipur, Rajasthan – India

Venue: Rajasthan Forestry & Wildlife Training Institute, Jaipur, India

GBS organized a national-level workshop on the above-captioned event and theme at the Forest Training Centre, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, on 17 June 2025, International Desertification Day, in a hybrid (Offline + Online) mode.

- Sources of funding (donors and their logos): information on donors will give them visibility in international reports for their contribution to the Désertif'actions 2026 initiative as a whole.

GBS used its own fund to organize the captioned desertification national workshop for the benefit of CSOs, farmers, and other interested parties.



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Workshop content

1. Context of water management challenges in the country

1.1 Background on droughts (occurrence of crises, impact on territories and their resources, on communities and their activities)

In India water is one of the major challenges. Rajasthan being desert prone area is having challenge of both domestic and industrial water problem in addition to other regions of the country. Due to which farmers in major have been facing issues related to crop management and it is also decreasing the water table and ground water across various parts of the country.

1.2 Policy responses to droughts (national commitments, existing mechanisms, positions taken by the country at international level)

- This information can be taken from the introductory presentations of the workshop, particularly from institutions with expertise in drought issues.
 - Government of India as part of SDG , G20 , and other initiatives keeping special focus on water resources management through awareness campaigns with the support of local bodies at gross root level, regional and national level
 - Experts emphasized that water harvesting methods both at domestic, agriculture, and industrial purposes can make a progressive improvement.

2. Results of work on the sub-theme

- Repeat the sections below for each sub-theme covered in the national workshop.
 - Awareness programs to various stake holders
 - CSOs taking pro active initiations
 - Government and public working together to conserve water
 - Regular workshops at various parts of the country
 - Integrating research organizations, academic institutions, people, and executive bodies to address this issue.
 - Enhancement of knowledge related to water management among the participants

HIGHLIGHTS



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2.1. Sub-theme covered (title)

NATIONAL DESERTIFICATION WORKSHOP **THEME: Water Resources Management**

2.2. Question posed and description of the specific problem in the country

- Summary of scoping presentations
- Major challenges and solutions related to water conservations
- Preventive and corrective measures on water resources management
- Role of people in saving water at domestic level
- Reasons for water contamination and solutions
- Role of CSOs in mitigating challenges on water resource management

2.3. Actions taken in response to the problem (in relation to the sub-theme)

- Summary of presentations (if any address the issue)
- Results of group work (this information can be derived from participants' shared experience)

Group work resulted in the following outputs:

- ✓ **Local bodies leading in awareness creation to common man**
- ✓ **It is the responsibility to use water optimally**
- ✓ **Students can act as change makers**
- ✓ **Involve research, academic, media and government**
- ✓ **Focus on hill regions**
- ✓ **Plant more trees**





- ✓ Minimie contamination with domestic and industrial pollutants

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2.4. Barriers and levers to change in response to the problem

Barriers, difficulties, obstacles to implementing actions or scaling them up	Levers for action, favourable conditions (technical or organisational) for overcoming difficulties
funding	Exploring opportunities both at national and global level
People support(due to literacy , awareness, and responsible action)	Technical support from research and academic institutions
Government support	Involve peoples representatives
Media	To broadcast programs on water management on regular basis in regional languages.

- This information is drawn from the analysis of participants' experiences during group work.

2.4. Priority advocacy messages

- By working in groups to identify advocacy targets and recommendations, complete the table below. These may be local, national or international advocacy targets, and a variety of stakeholders (governments, institutions, donors, private sector, etc.).

Advocacy targets	Advocacy messages aimed at this target group
Government	Mass events on water



Institutions	Collaborative efforts and facilitation
Donors	Exploring opportunities and proposals submission
Private sector	Corporate social responsibility events with focus on WATER

PARTICIPANTS

A total of 85 participants from India participated in the national workshop. In which 73 attended offline and 12 attended online.

Participants were from the following profiles:

- a) *NGO Representatives*
- b) *Farmers*
- c) *Youth representatives*
- d) *Women*
- e) *Government Officials*
- f) *People's representatives*
- g) *Political Leaders and*
- h) *Community-based organizations*

Speakers

- 1) **Mr. Khan, Chennai: Plantation and degradation**
- 2) **Mr. Veerpal Reddy, Scientist: Groundwater restoration**
- 3) **Dr. PradeepPagaria, Scientist: Desertification and water management**
- 4) **Prof. Ganapathy, AzimPremji University, Bengaluru: Water management in India**
- 5) **Mr. Noel: Land Degradation challenges and way forward**
- 6) **Mr. Jerome CARI: Dynamics related to Desertification**

Please attach

- Workshop agenda : **Attached**
- List of participants (surname, first name, organisation, e-mail address) entered in an Excel or Word file: sending the list of participants and their e-mail addresses will enable CARI to keep them informed of the continuation of D'a26 activities and to send them the final deliverables.: **Attached**
- Presentation slides: **Attached**



- If another activity report has been produced, you may attach it as an appendix.
- Photos of the workshop: please send a photos folder by WeTransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>) or email photos directly to contact@desertif-actions.org
- Any other document you feel would be useful!

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