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This agenda is provisional and does not guarantee the presence of the scheduled speakers.

Day 1 | Wednesday 25 March 2026 - Droughts: observations and challenges

8:00 – 9:00	Welcome – Registration and distribution of participant packs
09:00 -10:30	Session 1 - Opening plenary: <i>Désertif'actions 2026, a unique moment in a crisis prone world</i> Moderators: Ms Nadia KHAMMARI (OSS) Mr Pape NDIAYE (OSS) Speakers: Mr Walid TABBOUBI Governor of Médenine Mr Nabil BEN KHATRA, Executive Secretary of the OSS Mr Patrice BURGER, President of CARI Ms Yasmine FOUAD, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD Video messages: Ms Monique BARBUT, Former Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, French Minister for the Environment Mr Claude GASCON, GEF Official opening: Mr Mondher BELAID - Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Tunisia Mr Habib ABID - Minister of the Environment of Tunisia Introductory presentation: Context and program of the D'A 26 Summit Mr Christophe BROSSE, General Director of CARI
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 1:00	Session 2 – Introductory plenary: <i>Droughts around the world, their evolving impacts and their consideration in policies</i> <i>Plenary facilitated by:</i> Ms Khaoula JAOUI, OSS Keynote 1: Mr Pierre FERRAND, FAO Panel 1: <i>Droughts: what are we talking about and where do we stand?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Esther PENUNIA, Asian Farmer Association (Philippines)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sahbi MAHJOUB, SADIRA company (Tunisia) • Ms Dorothy AMWATA, University Researcher, (Kenya) <p><i>Keynote 2: Mr Jean-Luc CHOTTE, French Scientific Committee on Desertification (France)</i></p> <p><i>Panel 2: Droughts in public policy: what strategies?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mohamed SEFIANI, Mayor of Chefchaouen (Morocco) • Mr Bernabe KABORE, General Director of Water and Forests (Burkina Faso) • Ms. Awatef MABROUK, Expert in Rural Development Sociology (Tunisia)
1:00 – 2:30	Lunch
2:30 – 4:30	<p>Session 3 – Plenary: Mechanisms for anticipating, managing droughts and for reconstruction</p> <p><i>Plenary session facilitated by: Mr. Antoine CORNET, CARI-CSFD (France)</i></p> <p><i>Keynote 1: Mr Hugo VALIN, OECD</i></p> <p><i>Keynote 2: Ms Wafa ESSAHLI, Consultant-CARI (Tunisia)</i></p> <p><i>Panel 1: Anticipation and management, models and conditions for success</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mustapha MIMOUNI, Director of the GIS-TD & IT Department, OSS • Ms Nicole HARARI, WOCAT (Switzerland) • Mr Assawer HEDHLI, Tunisian Agricultural Insurance and Mutual Insurance Company (Tunisia) • [name to be determined], ASA (Brazilian Semi-Arid Articulation, Brazil)
4:30 – 5:00	Coffee break
5:00 – 6:00	Session 4 – Exploration and discussions around the exhibition spaces
6:00 – 9:00	Welcome evening and cocktail reception





Day 2 | Thursday 26 March 2026 – Improving resilience for territories

8:30 – 10:30	<p>Session 5 – Plenary session: <i>Preparatory process and lessons learned</i> <i>Round table moderated by Mr Eric Scopel, CIRAD (France)</i></p> <p>Panel: <i>Preparing territories for drought resilience</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Absa MBODJ, DyTAES (Senegal): <i>Supporting the agroecological transition</i>• Ms Manei NAANYU, PELUM (Kenya): <i>Facilitating pastoral mobility</i>• Ms Carole CHEMIN, pS-Eau (France): <i>Improving multi-stakeholder water resources management</i>• Mr Nicolas CIMBARO, Department of Aude (France): <i>Strengthening the role of local authorities</i> <p>Key observer: to be determined</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:00 – 1:00	<p>Session 6 – Plenary: Financing resilience in a world in crisis: reasons for hope? <i>Round table moderated by Ms Anne-Cécile BRAS, Radio France Internationale (France)</i></p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Alhamandou DORSOUMA, Acting Director and Head of Division, Climate Change and Green Growth Department, African Development Bank (Chad)• Ms Anneke TRUX, Programme Manager, GIZ (Germany)• Ms Sandra RULLIERES, AFD (France)• M. Adel Ben Youssef, Côte d'Azur University/GREDEG-CNRS (France)• Ms. Habiba KHIARI, Global Mechanism, Riyadh Drought Resilience Partnership (UNCCD)• Ms Nihel BOUNAIM, Crédit Agricole (Morocco) <p>Key observer: Mr Seyni NAFO, Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Green Climate Fund (Mali)</p>
1:00 – 2:30	<p>Lunch</p>
2:30 – 4:30	<p>Session 7 – Working groups: Sharing of experiences and recommendations for strengthening the resilience of territories to drought</p> <p>Parallel working groups: employment, biodiversity, health, training, women, human</p>



	rights, etc. (<i>details to follow</i>)
4:30 – 5:00	Coffee break
5:00 – 7:00	Session 8 – Parallel events 1/ Climate Change in Africa and its correlation with desertification: Publication and survey (OSS) 2/ Building Momentum for COP17: From Local Value Chains to Global Action (FAO – IUCN) 3/ NATAE: Multi-stakeholder collaboration for agroecology in North Africa (IAMM – INAT) 4/ Capacities for Impact: Strengthening Meaningful Civil Society Participation in LDN Processes (Drynet – IUCN) 5/ Dry valley Rehabilitation and Productive Use Approach (GIZ) 6/ Elevating pastoralism from the margins to the mainstream to ensure resilient drylands (IYRP Global Alliance) 7/ Recognition of agroecology in the Rio Conventions: lessons learned and prospects (Minka International)





Day 3 | Friday 27 March 2026 - On the way to COP 17

8:30 – 10:30	<p>Session 9 – Plenary: UNCCD negotiations, obstacles and a possible path forward <i>Plenary facilitated by Mr Patrice BURGER, CARI (France)</i></p> <p><i>Keynote: Ms. Philippine DUTAILLY, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNCCD focal point (France)</i></p> <p><i>Panel: Different perspectives on the challenges of the upcoming negotiations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Marioldy SANCHEZ-SANTIVAÑEZ, AIDER – UNCCD CSO Panel (Peru)• Ms Rachel MCMONAGLE, Landesa – CSO Observer (alternate) to the Intergovernmental Working Group on the UNCCD strategy (USA)• Ms Manon ALBAGNAC, CARI – CSO Observer to the UNCCD Science-Policy Interface (France) <p><i>Key observer: Mr. Luc GNACADJA – Former executive secretary of the UNCCD (Benin)</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:00 – 1:00	<p>Session 10 – Working groups: Recommendations and roadmap towards UNCCD COP 17</p> <p><i>Parallel work: preparation of open dialogue sessions and civil society statements, advocacy within regional groups, synergy between the three conventions, etc. (details to follow)</i></p>
1:00 – 3:00	<p>Lunch</p>
3:00 – 4:00	<p>Session 11 – Plenary: Towards COP17 and future actions <i>Plenary session moderated by Mr Lazare Dambatia TAGNABOU, Ministry of the Environment (Burkina Faso)</i></p> <p><i>Summary of Day 2 working groups: Mr Youssef BRAHIMI, La Route du Sel et de l'Espoir</i></p> <p><i>Summary of Day 3 working groups: Ms Sopiko BABALASHVILI, CENN - UNCCD CSO Panel (Georgia)</i></p> <p><i>Key observer: UNCCD Focal Point of Mongolia</i></p>
4:00 – 5:00	<p>Session 12 – Plenary: COP 17, what steps are needed for a paradigm shift? <i>Closing ceremony moderated by Mr Christophe BROSSE, General Director of CARI (France)</i></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Nabil BEN KHATRA, Executive Secretary of the OSS• Mr Patrice BURGER, President of CARI• Mr Dhaoui BRINI, Director of ISET-Djerba• Ms Fatimetou Abdel MALICK, President of the Nouakchott Region (Mauritania)• President of COP16 in Saudi Arabia
5:00 – 5:30	Coffee break
7:00 – 11:00	Gala evening with award ceremony for the international press cartoon competition ("Pastoralism, mobility at the heart of balance")

Day 4 – Saturday 28 March 2026 – Drylands Village

9:00 – 5:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stands and exhibitions• Cultural activities, folkloric music, games• Demonstration of pollination and planting of date palms• Workshops and discussions• Video screenings• Traditional catering• National petanque tournament
8:00 – 10:00 (evening)	Concert at the Midoun open theatre



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