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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	<p>Session 1 - Opening plenary: <i>Désertif'actions 2026, a unique moment in a crisis prone world</i></p> <p>Moderators: Ms Nadia KHAMMARI (OSS)</p> <p>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</p> <p>Video messages: Ms Monique BARBUT, Former Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, French Minister for the Environment Mr Claude GASCON, GEF</p> <p>Official opening: Mr Mondher BELAID - Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Tunisia Mr Habib ABID - Minister of the Environment of Tunisia</p> <p>Introductory presentation: Context and program of the D'A 26 Summit Mr Christophe BROSSE, General Director of CARI</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 1:00	<p>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 JAQUI, OSS</p> <p><i>Keynote 1:</i> Ms Nora BERRAHMOUNI, FAO</p> <p>Panel 1: <i>Droughts: what are we talking about and where do we stand?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Esther PENUNIA, Asian Farmer Association (Philippines) • 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>Panel 2: Droughts in public policy: what strategies?</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: Ms Catherine GAMPER, OECD</i></p> <p><i>Keynote 2: Ms Wafa ESSAHLI, Consultant-CARI (Tunisia)</i></p> <p>Panel 1: Anticipation and management, models and conditions for success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Mustapha MIMOUNI, Director of the GIS-TD & IT Department, OSS• Mr Tatenda LEMANN, WOCAT (Switzerland)• Mr Assawer HEDHLI, Tunisian Agricultural Insurance and Mutual Insurance Company (Tunisia)• Mr Rafael NEVES, ASA (Brazilian Semi-Arid Articulation, Brazil)• Ms Uxue URTEAGA RUIZ DE VINASPRE, GEF
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><i>Key observer: Sarah TOUMI, Global Mechanism UNCCD</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 1:00	<p>Session 6 – Plenary: <i>Financing resilience in a world in crisis: reasons for hope?</i> <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 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)• M Radhouane BEN-HAMADOU, Qatar Foundation (Qatar)• Ms Nihel BOUNAIM, Crédit Agricole (Morocco) <p><i>Key observer: Ms Imen MELIANE, IUCN</i></p>
1:00 – 2:30	Lunch
2:30 – 4:30	<p>Session 7 – Working groups: <i>Sharing of experiences and recommendations for strengthening the resilience of territories to drought</i></p> <p><i>Parallel working groups: employment, biodiversity, health, training, women, human rights, etc. (details to follow)</i></p>



4:30 – 5:00	Coffee break
5:00 – 7:00	Session 8 – Parallel events 1/ <i>Climate Change in Africa and its correlation with desertification: Publication and survey</i> (OSS) 2/ <i>Building Momentum for COP17: From Local Value Chains to Global Action</i> (FAO – IUCN) 3/ <i>NATAE: Multi-stakeholder collaboration for agroecology in North Africa</i> (IAMM – INAT) 4/ <i>Capacities for Impact: Strengthening Meaningful Civil Society Participation in LDN Processes</i> (Drynet – IUCN) 5/ <i>Dry valley Rehabilitation and Productive Use Approach</i> (GIZ) 6/ <i>Elevating pastoralism from the margins to the mainstream to ensure resilient drylands</i> (IYRP Global Alliance) 7/ <i>Recognition of agroecology in the Rio Conventions: lessons learned and prospects</i> (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:</i> Ms. Philippine DUTAILLY, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNCCD focal point (France)</p> <p><i>Panel: Different perspectives on the challenges of the upcoming negotiations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Marioldy SANCHEZ-SANTIVANÉZ, AIDER – UNCCD CSO Panel (Peru) • Ms Wangu MWANGI, Ambition Loop – Riyadh Action Agenda • Ms Manon ALBAGNAC, CARI – CSO Observer to the UNCCD Science-Policy Interface (France) • Ms Juliane WIESENHUTTER, GIZ (Germany) <p><i>Key observer:</i> Mr. Luc GNACADJA – Former executive secretary of the UNCCD (Benin)</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 1:00	<p>Session 10 – Working groups: Recommendations and roadmap towards UNCCD COP 17</p> <p><i>Parallel work:</i> preparation of open dialogue sessions and civil society statements, advocacy within regional groups, synergy between the three conventions, etc. <i>(details to follow)</i></p>
1:00 – 3:00	Lunch
3:00 – 4:00	<p>Session 11 – Plenary: Towards COP17 and future actions <i>Plenary session moderated by Mr Alaoui HAMDA, UNCCD focal point of Tunisia</i></p> <p><i>Summary of Day 2 working groups:</i> Mr Youssef BRAHIMI, La Route du Sel et de l’Espoir</p> <p><i>Summary of Day 3 working groups:</i> Ms Sopiko BABALASHVILI, CENN - UNCCD CSO Panel (Georgia)</p> <p><i>Key observer:</i> Mr Ariuntuya DORJSUREN, UNCCD Focal Point of Mongolia</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 Nabil BEN KHATRA, Executive Secretary of the OSS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Marcos MONTOIRO, CNULCD • Mr Patrice BURGER, President of CARI • Mr Dhaoui BRINI, Director of ISET-Djerba • Mr Ahmed Salem AHMED DEKLE, 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

- **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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