

# D'a Désertif' Actions

2026



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Djerba, Tunisia

**Programme from 25 to 28 March**  
**For drought-resilient territories:**  
**let's take action now!**

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## Three committed actors: CARI, OSS, UNCCD

This forum is co-organised by **CARI** (Centre d'Actions et de Réalisations Internationales), **OSS** (Observatoire du Sahara et du Sahel) and **UNCCD** (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification) in partnership with ACCD and WWF North Africa, which are working together to strengthen advocacy and better connect action strategies with the real needs of populations and ecosystems.

This complementarity is embodied by the three partner organisations of the Summit:

### Centre for International Action and Achievement | CARI



**Agroecology, citizen mobilisation and international advocacy**

The Centre d'Actions et de Réalisations Internationales (CARI) is a French international solidarity association that has been working since 1998 to combat desertification and land degradation, particularly in the arid and drylands of regions of the Sahara.

Founded by pioneers in agroecology, CARI promotes a sustainable agricultural model based on family farming, the enhancement of food heritage and adaptation to fragile environments. Its work takes place in a variety of contexts: oasis territories, semi-arid areas of dry Africa and Mediterranean regions.

The association favours a supportive approach, without replacing local actors. It supports civil society organisations and local authorities, promotes multi-stakeholder consultation and structures network dynamics to strengthen capacities for action and influence.

As a contributor in more than twenty networks and platforms, CARI articulates the diversity of approaches to the issue of land degradation.

A recognised stakeholder on desertification issues, CARI contributes in particular to dialogue between the field and public policy, in conjunction with national institutions and international frameworks, particularly the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Website : [www.cariassociation.org](http://www.cariassociation.org)

### Sahara and Sahel Observatory | OSS



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**Regional actor for climate resilience and sustainable management of natural resources**

Created in 1992, the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) is an intergovernmental organisation with an African focus that works to strengthen the resilience of territories facing major environmental challenges.

At the crossroads of science, regional cooperation and operational action, the OSS supports African countries, and more specifically its member states, in the sustainable management of land, water and ecosystems, in response to land degradation, desertification and the growing impacts of climate change.

The OSS develops decision-making tools, strengthens institutional capacities and implements large-scale climate change adaptation programmes. It also acts as a platform for regional dialogue, promoting concerted approaches and cross-border cooperation.

Accredited with the main international climate finance mechanisms, the organisation mobilises resources to support concrete, inclusive and sustainable solutions that benefit the most exposed populations and the most vulnerable ecosystems.

In 2025, the OSS was appointed as the headquarters of the Centre for Technical and Scientific Cooperation for Africa. This centre is one of five regional centres of the CBD and one of 18 recognised centres worldwide.

Website: [www.oss-online.org](http://www.oss-online.org)

### United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification | UNCCD



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Desertification

#### International framework to combat land degradation and droughts

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification is the multilateral framework for preventing and reversing land degradation, strengthening resilience to drought and promoting sustainable management of terrestrial ecosystems.

Adopted in the wake of the 1992 Earth Summit, it brings together 197 Parties around common commitments, notably in favour of Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN), and supports the development of coherent national policies. At the global level, the UNCCD structures policy dialogue, facilitates access to financing mechanisms and encourages scientific and technical innovation in order to reconcile land restoration, food security and climate justice.

Website: [www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int)

## 25 march | Droughts: observations and challenges

8:00 – 9:00 | Welcome

Entrance hall

Registration and distribution of participant packs

9:00 – 10:30 | Session 1 – Opening plenary

Amphitheatre

**Désertif'actions 2026, a unique moment in a crisis prone world**

*Plenary moderated by: Ms. Nadia KHAMMARI, OSS*

**A word from the organizers:**

Mr. Walid TABBOUBI, Governor of Médenine (tbc)

Mr. Mohamed Mehdi HALOUI, General Director of the Tunisian Tourism Office (tbc)

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, Director of Strategy and Operations, Interim Director of the GEF

**Official opening:**

Mr. Habib ABID, Minister of the Environment of Tunisia

**Presentation of the D'a 26 Summit's program:** Mr. Christophe BROSSE, General Director of CARI

**Press briefing**

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break

Coffee area

11:00 – 1:00 | Session 2 – Introductory plenary

Amphitheatre

**Droughts around the world, their evolving impacts and their consideration in policies**

*Plenary facilitated by: Ms. Khaoula JAOUI, OSS*

**Keynote 1:** Ms. Nora BERRAHMOUNI, FAO

**Panel 1:** **Droughts: what are we talking about and where do we stand?**

Mr. Harouna ABARCHI, A2N, IYRP Global Alliance (Niger)

Mr. Sahbi MAHJOUR, SADIRA company (Tunisia)

Ms. Dorothy AMWATA, University of Technology of Muranga, (Kenya)

**Keynote 2:** Mr. Jean-Luc CHOTTE, CSFD (France)

**Panel 2:** **Droughts in public policies: what strategies?**

Mr. Ahmed Salem AHMED DEKLE, Nouakchott Region (Mauritania)

Mr. Bernabe KABORE, Direction of Waters and Forests (Burkina Faso)

Ms. Awatef MABROUK, Rural Development Sociology (Tunisia)

1:00 – 2:30 | Lunch

ISSET Restaurant

2:30 – 4:30 | Session 3 – Plenary

Amphitheatre

**Mechanisms for anticipating, managing droughts and for reconstruction**

*Plenary facilitated by: Mr. Antoine CORNET, CARI-CSFD (France)*

**Keynote:** Mme Wafa ESSAHLI, CARI (Tunisia)

**Panel:** **Anticipation and management, models and conditions for success**

Mr. Mustapha MIMOUNI, OSS

Mr. Tatenda LEMANN, WOCAT (Switzerland)

Mr. Assawer HEDHLI, CTAMA (Tunisia)

Ms. Uxue URTEAGA RUIZ DE VINASPRE, GEF

4:30 – 5:00 | Coffee break

Coffee area

5:00 – 6:00 | Session 4 – Exploration and discussions around the exhibition spaces and innovation forum

Outdoor halls

6:00 – 9:00 | Welcome evening and Cocktail reception

ISSET place

## 26 march | Improving resilience for territories

**8:30 – 10:30** | Session 5 – Plenary

**Amphitheatre**

**D'a 26 preparatory process and lessons learned**

*Plenary facilitated by:* Mr. Eric SCOPEL, CIRAD (France)

**Panel: Preparing territories for drought resilience**

Ms. Absa MBODJ, DyTAES (Senegal): Supporting the agroecological transition

Ms. Manei NAANYU, PELUM (Kenya): Facilitating pastoral mobility

Ms. Carole CHEMIN, pS-Eau (France): Improving multi-stakeholder management of water resources

Mr. Nicolas CIMBARO, Department of Aude (France): Strengthening the role of local authorities

*Key observer:* Ms. Sarah TOUMI, Global Mechanism of the UNCCD

**10:30 – 11:00** | Coffee break

**Coffee area**

**11:00 – 1:00** | Session 6 – Plenary

**Amphitheatre**

**Financing resilience in a world in crisis: reasons for hope?**

*Round table moderated by:* Ms. Anne-Cécile Bras, RFI (France)

**Panel :**

Mr. Al-Hamndou DORSOUMA, AfDB (Chad)

Ms. Sandra RULLIERE, AFD (France)

Mr. Adel BEN YOUSSEF, Côte d'Azur University/GREDEG-CNRS (France)

Ms. Habiba KHIARI, Global Mechanism of the UNCCD

Ms. Radhouane BEN-HAMADOU, Qatar Foundation (Qatar)

*Key observer:* Ms. Imen MELIANE, IUCN

**1:00 – 2:30** | Lunch

**ISSET Restaurant**

**2:30 – 4:30** | Session 7 – Working groups

**Adjoining rooms**

**Experiences sharing and recommendations for strengthening the resilience of territories to drought**

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**4:30 – 5:00** | Coffee break

**Coffee area**

**5:00 – 7:00** | Session 8 – Parallel events

**Adjoining rooms**

**1 | Climate Change in Africa and Correlation with Desertification (OSS)**

**2 | Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) as a lever for territorial resilience: local experiences in Tunisia (WWF Afrique du Nord – ACDD)**

**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 | SOILutions for Land Degradation in Ethiopia (GIZ)**

**6 | Elevating pastoralism from the margins to the mainstream to ensure resilient drylands (IYRP Global Alliance)**

**7 | The recognition of agroecology in the Rio Conventions: lessons learned and prospects (Minka International – Humundi)**

## 27 march | On the way to COP 17

**8:30 – 10:30** | Session 9 – Plenary

**Amphitheatre**

**UNCCD negotiations, uncertainties and a possible pathway forward**

*Plenary facilitated by: Mr. Patrice BURGER, CARI (France)*

*Keynote: Ms. Philippine DUTAILLY, MEAE – UNCCD focal point (France)*

**Panel: Different perspectives on the upcoming negotiations stakes**

Ms. Marioldy SANCHEZ-SANTIVANEZ, AIDER – UNCCD CSO Panel (Peru)

Ms. Wangu MWANGI, Ambition Loop – Riyadh Action Agenda

Ms. Manon ALBAGNAC, CARI – CSO Observer to the UNCCD SPI (France)

Ms. Juliane WIESENHJETTER, GIZ (Germany)

*Key observer: Mr. Luc GNACADJA, Former ES of the UNCCD – Mayor of Cotonou (Benin)*

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**10:30 – 11:00** | Coffee break

**Coffee area**

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**11:00 – 1:00** | Session 10 – Working groups

**Adjoining rooms**

**Recommendations and roadmap towards COP17**  
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**1:00 – 3:00** | Lunch

**ISSET Restaurant**

**3:00 – 4:00** | Session 11 – Plenary

**Amphitheatre**

**Road to COP17 and perspectives**

*Plenary moderated by: Mr. Lazare Dambatia TAGNABOU, SP-CNDD – UNCCD focal point (Burkina Faso)*

*Report on the preparatory work of the UNCCD CSO Panel: M. Andrew Morris, BSSS – Panel des OSC de la CNULCD (Grande Bretagne)*

*Report of Day 2 working groups: Mr. Youssef BRAHIMI, La Route du Sel et de l'Espoir*

*Report of Day 3 working groups: Ms. Sopiko BABALASHVILI, CENN – UNCCD CSO Panel (Georgia)*

*Key observer: Ms. Ariuntuya DORJSUREN, UNCCD focal Point (Mongolia)*

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**4:00 – 5:00** | Session 12 – Plenary

**Amphitheatre**

**COP 17, what steps are needed for a paradigm shift?**

*Closing ceremony moderated by: Mr. Nabil BEN KHATRA, Executive Secretary of the OSS*

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**5:00 – 5:30** | Coffee break

**Coffee area**

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**7:00 – 11:00** | Gala evening

**Coffee area**

**with award-giving ceremony for the international press cartoon competition «Pastoralism, mobility at the heart of balance»**



## 26 & 27 mach | Details of group work

**26 mach | 2:30 – 4:30**

Session 7 - Group work

*Adjoining rooms*

Objective: To contribute to the central theme of drought resilience by sharing experiences and operational insights on a specific topic.

Result: Identification of lessons learned from shared experiences and discussions to inform a policy brief on the resilience of territories to drought.

1 | Circular economy and resilience of territories

*French and English*

2 | Creating attractive jobs in the regions

*French*

3 | Agricultural biodiversity, a lever for regional resilience

*French*

4 | Optimizing the use of water resources

*English*

5 | Building skills in territories

*French and English*

6 | Collaboration between society, science and politics for regional resilience

*French*

7 | Measuring resilience at the territorial level

*French*

8 | Role of women in the resilience of territories

*French and English*

9 | Integrating human rights into crisis anticipation and management

*French*

10 | Trees, a major resource for regional resilience

*French*

11 | Role of young people in regional resilience

*French*

**27 march | 11:00 – 1:00**

Session 10 - Group work

*Adjoining rooms*

Objective: To produce advocacy content targeting several audiences, decisions and agenda items before and during COP17 of the UNCCD.

Result: Enable participants to improve their knowledge of certain UNCCD processes and key moments of COP17 and develop various advocacy content: strategy, terms of reference, language elements, first drafts of statements etc.

1 | Opening Dialogue Session

*French and English*

2 | New UNCCD strategy (post-2030)

*French and English*

3 | Synergy between the 3 Rio Conventions

*French and English*

4 | Opening statement of COP 17

*French and English*

5 | Statement on drought

*French and English*

6 | Influence of European Union negotiators

*French and English*

7 | Influence of African negotiators

*French and English*

8 | Local authorities involvement in UNCCD negotiations

*French and English*

9 | Negotiations on pastoralism

*French and English*

10 | Avoiding, reducing and reversing land and soil degradation of agricultural lands

*French and English*

11 | Challenging medias around the COP 17

*French and English*

# Drylands Village

**9:00 – 5:00** | *All day long*  
*ISET Driveway – Open air*

Stands, exhibitions & video screenings

Tournament of the Tunisian Federation of Bocce and  
Petanque

Traditional food stalls

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**10:00–11:00** | Cultural activities, traditional music &  
games

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**10:30–11:30** | Workshop – participatory debate

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**11:00–12:00** | Planting local olive and date palm  
trees

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**3:00–4:00** | Workshop – participatory debate

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**3:30–4:30** | Cultural activities, traditional music &  
games

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**8:00–10:00** | **Concert for Planet Earth**  
*at the Midoun open theatre*

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Saturday  
**28**  
**march**  
2026

**9:00–5:00**  
**at ISET**  
Djerba



