

**Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious  
Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa  
UNCCD**

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<b>Main objective</b>	Combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought in countries experiencing extreme dryness and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, through effective action at all levels and supported by international cooperation and partnership arrangements, with an integrated approach in consistency with the 21st century that aims to contribute to achieving sustainable development in affected areas
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