

Introductory Course to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Countries experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Course Syllabus



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Learning objectives

This course reviews and discusses the problem of desertification: what it is, its causes, manifestations, effects and scope. It proceeds to provide an overview of international law that has been developed to address desertification and the attendant ecological and socio-economic problems, primarily by examining the scope of the 1994 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Countries experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (UNCCD).

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Explain what the problem of desertification is
2. Describe key provisions of the UNCCD

Content and duration

The e-learning course is comprised of 2 lessons, which provide links to the relevant treaty text paragraphs and term concepts of the InforMEA Glossary section. The lessons are organised in books, which can be downloaded in pdf from the left-hand navigation menu.

The core content of these lessons is complemented with additional materials, such as videos, publication and/or external websites

It will take you 1 hour approximately to complete the course, excluding additional materials. You can manage your time as you wish; take a few units and retake the course whenever it is more convenient for you.

Assessment and certificate

Take the quiz at the end of the course to assess your learning progress.

You are required to answer at least 80% of the assessment questions correctly in order to obtain a course certificate.

Before obtaining the certificate you also need to submit the course survey (your feedback). This survey helps us to improve the course, develop new course and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

Unit	Content	Learning objectives
Unit 1 - Desertification	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definitions 2. Drylands 3. Desertification 4. Causes 5. Addressing desertification 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define desertification and dry-lands 2. List the causes of and ways to address desertification
Unit 2 - Substantive provisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of the Convention 2. Objective 3. Obligations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing arrangements 4. Other international arrangements 5. Financial resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Mechanism • Global Environment Facility 6. Technical and scientific cooperation 7. Socio-economic factors 8. National Action Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-regional and regional action programmes 9. Research, development and technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National capacities 10. National laws 11. Public participation 12. Institutional arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee on Science and Technology 13. Dispute Resolution 14. Measures to resolve questions on implementation 15. Development since adoption of the Convention 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the objective and some key provisions of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Countries experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa



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