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Follow up to the COP10 decision on the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (ICCD/COP(10)/L.2/Rev.1)

The 10th session of the Conference of the Parties adopted a decision on the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification. It requests the secretariat to collate a list of events, actions and activities and from these to develop a programme in support of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (UNDDD programme). Please find attached the decision as adopted at the COP10, for your information.

The decision further invites States, Parties, observers and intergovernmental organizations to submit to the secretariat proposals and contributions in the form of actions, activities and events to mark the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification, by 31 December 2011 at the latest, for the compilation of the draft UNDDD programme by the secretariat by 30 January 2012 and its finalization and dissemination with the support of the Inter-Agency Task Force by March 2012.

Accordingly, I would like to invite you to submit your country's/organization's proposals using the attached form. This form is available from the UNDDD web-site (<http://unddd.unccd.int/>). The proposed themes and events for the Decade are available from the Decade Strategy and plan of action in the COP10 report ICCD/COP(10)/27 ([http://www.unccd.int/php/document2.php?ref=ICCD/COP\(10\)/27](http://www.unccd.int/php/document2.php?ref=ICCD/COP(10)/27)), pages 14-15.

The Decade aims to create a platform for demonstrating both the potential and the opportunities in drylands and desert ecosystems to be productive, by showcasing achievements, best practices and success stories about improved livelihoods, ecosystems and investment flows. For this to happen, your participation in the Decade observance is indispensable.

We look forward to receiving your inputs.

Yours sincerely,



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