

## UNDERSTANDING DESERTIFICATION AND LAND DEGRADATION TRENDS

Bio-physical and socio-economic monitoring and assessment of desertification and land degradation to support decision-making in land and water management

### Poster Submission Guidelines

#### Content

Poster topics must support the conference focus, particularly in developing recommendations for decision-making. The three interrelated facets of the Conference topic are:

1. *Land Quality Assessment* – Integrated methods for monitoring and assessment of land degradation processes and drivers
2. *Sustainable Land Management Assessment* – Monitoring and assessing land rehabilitation and sustainable land management
3. *Economic and Social Drivers and Knowledge Management* – Monitoring and assessment of desertification and land degradation: economic and social drivers and knowledge management

#### Important Dates for Poster Authors

Abstract Submission Deadline:	28 June 2009
Authors Notification:	27 July 2009
Additional Information to Selected Authors:	3 August 2009
Poster Session (during UNCCD COP-9):	21 September – 2 October 2009

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#### Submission and Format

Interested participants should send their Extended Poster Abstract along with the Poster Submission Form to the DSD Secretariat at: [secretariat@drylandscience.org](mailto:secretariat@drylandscience.org). Argentinian participants should send the above to: [abraham@lab.cricyt.edu.ar](mailto:abraham@lab.cricyt.edu.ar).

Extended Poster Abstracts should not exceed two pages (A4 format) in Times New Roman 12, single spaced and justified. Margins should be 3 cm for left, and 2.5 cm for top, bottom and right margins.

The Abstracts should include: Title (capital letters, size 14, bold and centered); Name of authors (size 12, normal and centered); Author's affiliation with complete name, town, country and e-mail (size 10, italics and centered); Abstract (size 11, title in bold and italics, text in italics); Introduction, Body of work, Conclusions, Recommendations for decision-making (size 12, title in bold and text normal); References (title in size 12 and bold; text in size 10, normal). Please see the DSD website for a sample abstract.

Deadline: All electronic submissions must be received no later than **28 June 2009**.

#### Poster Selection

The DSD Consortium will select a number of posters to be included in the Poster Session. Posters submitted before the deadline will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Relevance of the topic to the Conference theme
- Scientific excellence
- Recommendations for decision-making

Main authors will be notified of a selected poster via e-mail around **27 July 2009**. Argentinian submissions will be selected by an *ad hoc* Argentinian committee.



#### Background Information

The DSD (Dryland Science for Development) Consortium has been tasked to assist the UNCCD, and particularly its Committee on Science & Technology (CST) in organizing the first UNCCD CST scientific conference-style meeting to be held from 22-24 September 2009 during the COP-9 in Buenos Aires, Argentina (21 September – 2 October).

As per COP-8 mandate, the CST scientific style-conference is expected to produce sound scientific outputs and policy-oriented, actionable recommendations that can provide useful options and possible solutions to questions and needs of decision-makers.

#### Additional Information

Interested scientists have several options for participating or making a contribution to the Conference:

- Competitive Poster Session side event (during the entire COP-9).
- Online Global Consultation (22 May - 28 June 2009) Please visit the DSD website at [www.drylandscience.org](http://www.drylandscience.org).
- Working Groups white paper drafting (by invitation; please email the secretariat with your request at [secretariat@drylandscience.org](mailto:secretariat@drylandscience.org)).
- Participation at the CST Conference (22-24 September 2009).

For further information, please visit:

- the DSD website at [www.drylandscience.org](http://www.drylandscience.org)
- the UNCCD website at [www.unccd.int](http://www.unccd.int).

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