

**Minutes on Decisions taken at the General Assembly of DesertNet International (DNI)
30 September 2010 in Rome, Italy**

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Venue and General Information:

The General Assembly of DNI was held at IFAD Via P. Di Dono, 44, 00142 Rome, Italy,
Oval Room S-120 (level -1)
Time: 09.00 – 17.00

The meeting was organised with kind support of the Christian Mersmann, Angelica Barrachina (both Global Mechanism) and Maurizio Sciortino (DNI member) (GA agenda: **Annex 1**; participants: **Annex 2**).
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Newly elected Steering Committee and Advisory Board of DNI, opening of DNI Bank Account and Status Report.

1. Announcement and Inauguration of the newly elected Steering Committee and Advisory Board of DesertNet International

Prof. Giuseppe Enne officially announced and inaugurated the newly elected Steering Committee and the newly elected Advisory Board of DNI by introducing the newly elected Steering Committee (SC) and Advisory Board (AB), and by announcing the nomination of the new Chair, Co-chair, Treasurer and General Secretary by Board for the next two legislative years. The results of the DNI elections are as follows:

Chair: Dr. Mariam Akhtar-Schuster (University of Hamburg, Germany)

Co-Chair: Prof. Elena Abraham (Argentine Institute of Arid Zones, IADIZA-CONICET, Argentina)

General Secretary: Prof. Dr. Giuseppe Enne (NRD-UNISS, University of Sassari, Italy)

Treasurer: Dr. Richard Escadafal (IRD - CESBIO, Toulouse, France)

Steering Committee (alphabetical order):

- Prof. Elena Abraham (Argentine Institute of Arid Zones, IADIZA-CONICET, Argentina)
- Dr. Mariam Akhtar-Schuster (CSC, University of Hamburg, Germany)
- Prof. Dr. Giuseppe Enne (NRD-UNISS, University of Sassari, Italy)
- Dr. Richard Escadafal (IRD - CESBIO, Toulouse, France)
- Ms Wafa Essahli (Consultant GM, Tunisia)
- Prof. Dr. Donald Gabriels (Soil scientist, University of Ghent, Belgium)
- Ms Khadija-Catherine Razavi (Center for Sustainable Development – CENESTA, Tehran, Iran)
- Prof. Dr. Carlos San Juan Mesonada (Economist, University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain)
- Dr. Mary Seely (Desert Research Foundation of Namibia - DRFN, Windhoek, Namibia)
- Dr. Lindsay Stringer (Sustainability Research Institute, University of Leeds, UK)
- Dr. Richard Thomas (UNU-INWEH, Canada)
- Dr. Rei Wang (Institute of Soil&Water Conservation, Northwest A&F University, China)
- Dr. Pandi Zdruli, Senior Research Scientist (CIHEAM-Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari, Italy)

Advisory Board (alphabetical order):

- Prof. Dr. Marc Bied-Charreton (Honorary Chair of CSFD, France)



- Prof. Dr. Mauro Centritto (National Research Council, Ins. of Agro-Environment & Forest Biology, Italy)
- Prof. Dr. Héctor Francisco del Valle (Centro Nacional Patagónico (CENPAT), CONICET, Argentina)
- Prof. Dr. Joachim Hill (University of Trier, Remote Sensing Department, Germany)
- Dr. María José Marqués (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain)
- Prof. Dr. Norbert Jürgens (Chair Diversitas Germany, Biocentre Klein Flottbek and Botanical Garden, Hamburg, Germany)
- Dr. Maud Loireau (Centre IRD-Montpellier, France)
- Dr. Kamila Magzieva (FP7 National Coordinator, Kazakhstan)
- Dr. Christopher Martius (Inter-American Institute of Global Change Research (IAI), São José dos Campos, Brazil)
- Dr. Manojkumar Pardeshi (Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology, India)
- Dr. José L. Rubio (Soil, Centro de Investigaciones sobre Desertificación –DIDE-CSIC, Spain)

2. Opening of the DNI Bank Account and Status Report

As defined in Article 6 of the Statutes of DNI (downloadable at: <http://www.european-desertnet.eu/> [temporary address]), the newly elected Treasurer of DNI, Dr. Richard Escadafal, gave a financial report and informed the General Assembly that as discussed by the former DNI Bureau and based on the experiences from other international Associations, the newly emerged Association of DesertNet International will open its bank account in France, as the network has also been registered in France as an NGO. The Association currently has no funds.

As defined in Article 6 of the Statutes of DNI, Dr. Mariam Akhtar-Schuster gave a Status Report on the activities and services of DesertNet since 2007 (**Annex 3**). Further general information and details on the elections process were provided to the General Assembly (**Annexes 4 and 5**).

3. Decisions taken by the General Assembly:

1. DNI Organisational Aspects:

1.1 **DNI bank account & maintenance of the DNI bank account** will be the responsibility of the current Treasurer, Dr. Richard Escadafal. The Treasurer, Dr. Escadafal has been given the power to open the bank account of DesertNet International. Dr. Richard Escadafal will open an account for DNI as a non-profit organisation at a French Bank in Toulouse. For this purpose, the Chair and Co-Chair of DNI will provide the Treasurer with an official letter. Access to the DNI Bank Account will be made available to the Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer and General Secretary of DNI.

1.2 **DNI membership fees** are divided in the following two categories:

- DNI members from OECD countries: 20,- €;
- DNI members from non-OECD countries: 10,- €.

Fees will be paid annually and will be raised at the beginning of a year. Discounts will be possible if members pay membership fees for several years in advance, thus reducing bank transaction costs, especially from non-European countries to Europe (members from non-OECD countries attending the General Assembly in Rome already started paying memberships in advance, thus benefiting from discounts). DNI members will receive details of the DNI bank account as soon as these are available with the deadline for payment of the registration fees.

1.3 **DNI Secretariat** will maintain its official address at Biocentre Klein Flottbek and Botanical Garden, University of Hamburg. This is because it is also the address that has been used for the accreditation process of DNI with UNCCD. The accreditation process will be finalised at the next COP in 2011. During recent years, the DNI secretariat work was shared between the University of

Hamburg, Germany; NRD, University of Sassari, Italy; IRD - CESBIO, Toulouse, France and the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain. Ms Chiara Zanolla has already helped in following these different contributions, therefore she has been nominated *DNI Bureau Coordinator* to maintain coherence between the components of the DNI secretariat in future.

1.4 **DNI website maintenance** will continue to remain with the IT Working Group of Prof. Norbert Juergens at the University of Hamburg, Germany. The DNI Steering Committee and the DNI Advisory Board thank Prof. Juergens for his generous offer to continue to maintain the website at his department at the University of Hamburg.

1.5 **DNI electronic newsletters** will continue to be published every 3 months. The newsletters will be sent electronically to all DNI members.

1.6 A **DNI flyer** has been compiled and is available at the DNI Secretariat. Please contact Dr. Akhtar-Schuster (makhtar-schuster@botanik.uni-hamburg.de) or Ms Chiara Zanolla (chiara_zanolla@libero.it) for the electronic file.

2. **DNI Scientific Activities in 2010 – 2012**

2.1 **Status of existing DNI working groups:**

WG-1: **Science-Policy Interface:** Gérard Begni proposes two tasks: (1) Addressing the Science/Policy Interface as a 'political sciences'. In order to create a common understanding on this issue within DNI, discussion should take place between the WG leaders what kind of report could be issued. (2) WG1 will assist DNI in political events. Both issues are by no means exclusive.

WG-2: **Dryland Observation System:** Norbert Jürgens informs that this topic and this working group will be continued.

WG-3: **Social-Economic Drivers and Consequences:** Carlos San Juan Mesonada currently sees no opportunities to maintain this working group.

WG-4: **Training and Capacity Building:** Discussions are underway between the DNI members Stefano Grego and Richard Thomas about future options (e.g. training courses, summer schools).

WG-5: **Internal Structuring of DNI:** DNI organisational and structural aspects will continue to be addressed by this working group which is led by the DNI Bureau.

2.2 **Newly proposed scientific activities (working groups / task forces):**

- Task Force on *“SLM-economics and policies”* (Proposal by Richard Thomas).
- Working Group on *“Food security and food sovereignty”* (Proposal by Lindsay Stringer).
- Task force on *“Communication systems and media to better integrate the perceptions of local communities”* (Proposal by Hans-Peter Liniger).
- Task Force on *“Local human drivers for understanding land use change”* (Proposal by Juan Puigdefabregas and Monique Mainguet).
- Web-based *“Learning Network on SLM”* (outlined by Richard Thomas): This online internet system was developed for the IW-GEF project. Therefore, if DNI is interested to use this system, an OK from GEF will be required and then additional funds will be necessary to adapt the system to DNI needs.
- DNI activities in Brussels: as a DNI conference is too expensive under the current financial circumstances of DNI, and another DNI-EU hearing would be too risky under the current political conditions in Belgium, Murielle Eyletter’s proposal to organise a DNI activity (stand/session) at the *Green Week 2011* (summer 2011) in Brussels received much interest at the GA. The Green Week in

Brussels addresses various stakeholders and is internationally well-known. DNI SC and AB will elicit this possibility in more detail with Murielle Eyletters over the coming weeks.

3. General agreements on the setting up of working groups and task forces:

- Leaders of DNI working groups or task forces will carry full responsibility for the structure, funding and products of their working groups.
- Leaders of DNI working groups or task forces will present a concept of their planned work structure and will outline milestones and products of their working groups or task forces, based on the template provided in **Annex 6**.
- Leaders of working groups / task forces should strive for an interdisciplinary approach in their groups.
- The scientific products of the DNI working groups should be presented in a scientific session of the next DNI General Assembly. This will enable DNI to have a regular scientific meeting/conference every two years in connection with its obligatory General Assembly.
- Working Groups and Task Forces can be established (and discontinued) at any time within DNI.
- Task force vs Working Group:
 - A Task force is a small group of people committed to perform a specific task with a precise target and schedule (1st ex. Task force on election organisation). It can be organisational or scientific, and is not necessarily within a WG.
 - Working Groups are wider in scope and membership, they are meant to function on a more long term basis.

Signed on 14.10.2010 by

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4. Annexes to the minutes:

Annex 1 of the minutes: Updated agenda of the General Assembly.

Annex 2 of the minutes: Participants to the General Assembly.

Annex 3 of the minutes: General Information provided at the General Assembly:
newly elected Steering Committee and Advisory Board of DNI.

Annex 4 of the minutes: Status Report: EDN/DNI Activities and Services provided in 2007 - 2010.

Annex 5 of the minutes: DNI Election Process.

Annex 6 of the minutes: Template for submitting suggestions for DNI Working Groups or Task Forces.

Annex 1

Agenda of the General Assembly of DesertNet International (DNI) 30 September 2010 in Rome, Italy

Venue address:

IFAD Via P. Di Dono, 44, 00142 Rome, Italy (How to reach IFAD: <http://www.ifad.org/contacts.htm>)

Meeting room: Oval Room S-120 (level -1)

09.00: Registration (registration fees: 20,- € will be due)

Session I: Welcome

10.00: Opening of the General Assembly of DNI

- Welcome by Mariam Akhtar-Schuster (on behalf of the DNI Bureau)
- Welcome by Christian Mersmann (GM)

10.20: Adoption of the meeting's agenda

10.30: *Coffee Break*

Session II: Election results (Chair: **Giuseppe Enne**)

10.50: DNI election process and its results (**Chiara Zanolla**, coordinator of the monitoring group)

11.15: Inauguration of the new Steering Committee and Advisory Board of DNI

11.30: Status report on:

- Financial report (**Richard Escadafal**)
- DNI activities in 2009, 2010 (former interim Bureau members)

12.00 – 13.00: *Lunch*

Session III: Organisation aspects (Chair: **Mariam Akhtar-Schuster**)

13.00: DNI organisational aspects

- DNI bank account & maintenance of the DNI bank account
- DNI membership fees
- DNI secretariat
- DNI homepage & maintenance of the DNI Homepage
- Quarterly DNI electronic newsletter
- DNI print material (flyer, brochure, poster)
- Communication structure among members of Steering Committee and Advisory Board (e.g. regular teleconferences)
- Accreditation stage with UNCCD
- ... other organisational aspects

Session IV: Scientific activities in 2010 – 2010 (Chairs: **Richard Escadafal** and **Lindsay Stringer**)

14.30: DNI scientific activities in 2010-2012 and on the long term

- Status of existing DNI working groups (**Carlos Jan Juan Mesonada**)
- New scientific activities (working groups / task forces)
- Status of e.forum evaluation (**Richard Thomas** and **Mariam Akhtar-Schuster**)
- What is the newly emerged SEPLS? (**Mariam Akhtar-Schuster**)
- Outcomes of ICID 2011 (**Elena Abraham** and **Richard Escadafal**)
- Status EU Soil Framework (**José L. Rubio**)
- Concept "Learning Network on Land Degradation" (**Richard Thomas**)
- Expansion of DNI's outreach activities (**Gérard Begni**)
- DNI activities in Brussels (**Murielle Eyletters**)

15.30 – 16.00: *Coffee Break*

Session V: Continued discussions on DNI scientific activities (Chair: **Lindsay Stringer**)

16.00: ... continued discussions on DNI scientific activities

17.30: Wrap up

Annex 2

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Annex 3

Status Report: EDN/DNI Activities and Services 2007 - 2010

September 2007: Second working meeting of European DesertNet (EDN) in Madrid, Spain, back-to-back with COP8 in Madrid: Agreement of SC and AB to:

- (1) transform EDN into DesertNet International (DNI) due to rising membership numbers from all continents
- (2) achieve a legal status for DesertNet (idea supported by CST/UNCCD).

By summer 2008: Screening of the legal status of other international scientific networks and their statutes: SC and AB take decision to follow the procedure taken by EARSEL: SC and AB agree to register future DNI in Strasbourg/Illkirch (France), as the court has experience with the establishment of international networks.

Autumn 2007 - Summer 2008: DNI Hearing on Desertification jointly with MEPs. Compilation of a Dossier: printed in 5 languages by EU Parliament.

March - May 2008: CCD Call: Bid for organising the first scientific UNCCD Conference: EDN becomes partner of DSD. DSD is selected.

Summer 2008 – Autumn 2009: Compilation of the DNI Statutes. Start of the registering process of DNI at the court of Strasbourg/Illkirch, France.

Summer 2008 – Autumn 2009: Preparation of the 1st UNCCD Scientific Conference as member of DSD Consortium:

- Organisational aspects (CST Secretariat / CST Bureau / search for funds, ...).
- Development and implementation of the scientific concept with DSD partners (ICARDA, ICRISAT, JRC IES, UNU INWEH).
- 1st Scientific UNCCD Conference in Buenos Aires (Sep. 2009).

Autumn 2009 – Autumn 2010: Assessment of the outcomes of the first UNCCD scientific Conference and the DSD working groups:

- (1) Publications (conference report, compilation of DSD WP, publications in Journal on Land Degradation and Development due in early 2011).
- (2) External evaluation process of DSD (e.g. interviews, questionnaire).

Jan./Feb. 2010: Notification by Court in Strasbourg/Illkirch that DNI is registered as the *Association of DesertNet International*. This is the start of the planning of the Election (7 – 9 Sept. 2010) and the General Assembly of DNI (30 September 2010) . For details on election process see **Annex 5**.

Feb. – May 2010: DNI develops its logo.

Nov. 2009 - ongoing: E.forum on Needs and Options for a “Land Panel” (jointly with UNU-INWEH): Nov. - Dec. 2009: Technical Set-up of the e.forum in Germany; Jan. – June 2010: Opened for global scientific responses; since July 2010: Assessment phase.

SERVICES of DNI from 2007 to 2010 to its members:

- Organisation of scientific and science-policy workshops, side events, hearings and conferences.
- Coordination of DNI working groups (electronic communication, meetings and reports).
- Scientific and science-policy assessments, reports and publications.
- Participation of DNI members to COPs, CRICs, CSTs and other UNCCD meeting (accreditation, side events, info stalls).
- Quarterly DNI electronic newsletter (events, calls, UN news, scientific research results, cooperation,).
- Maintenance of the DNI website.
- DNI print material (flyers, brochures, posters).

Services of DNI were until now voluntary or only received limited target funding, mostly from Germany, France, Belgium and Italy. The above mentioned services should however be continued and financially supported in future. Membership fees will not cover these costs fully. Additional options: membership fees, ministries, agencies, universities, private sector. Members should be encouraged to seek for funds from their own countries to support DNI activities.



Annex 4

General Information Provided at the General Assembly:

The General Assembly started with a welcome address by Dr. Mariam Akhtar-Schuster (on behalf of the former DNI Bureau: Prof. Dr. Carlos San Juan Mesonada, Prof. Dr. Giuseppe Enne, Dr. Richard Escadafal), and a very well received talk on the expectations towards scientists at the *science-policy interface*, held by the Director of the Global Mechanism, Dr. Christian Mersmann.

Ms Chiara Zanolla (coordinator of the monitoring group of the DNI election process) presented the election process (**Annex 5**).

Prof. Giuseppe Enne officially announced and inaugurated the newly elected Steering Committee and the newly elected Advisory Board of DNI and, thus, finalised the election process by officially announcing the nomination of the new Chair, Co-chair, Treasurer and General Secretary by the newly elected Steering Committee and Advisory Board for the next two legislative years.

Elena Abraham informed about the ICID Conference in Forteleza, Brazil. The ICID conferences provide a major platform for dryland and desertification issues. The next ICID in 2011 will be held in Argentina.

Gérard Begni suggested pathways to make DNI activities better available to the wider community, firstly by providing the DNI newsletter to experts beyond the DNI community, secondly by formulating key outcomes of DNI activities in Fact Sheets, and thirdly by placing accessible “grey literature” on the DNI website. The latter would however require a quality control mechanism by the DNI SC and AB.

Richard Thomas outlined the status of the evaluation of the e.forum on the needs and options for a “panel on land”. This project was initiated by DNI and UNU-INWEH in winter 2009. 172 experts from 51 countries participated. The global responses to the 9 questions of the e.forum are being evaluated by a Task Force which was identified in early 2010.

Mariam Akhtar-Schuster outlined the newly emerged *Sino-EU Panel on Land and Soil*. “The Sino-EU Panel on Land and Soil is a scientific body with a goal to provide decision makers in Europe and China with a clear scientific view on the current state of land and soil resources and potential environmental and socio-economic consequences of their future utilization patterns.” Those experts in Chinese and EU land and soil issues who are willing to participate in the activities of the SEPLS are welcome to express their interest for membership on the websites of the Panel at: <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/InternationalCooperation/sepls/>

José L. Rubio informs about the status of the *EU Soil Framework*. The process has halted as some EU countries are not ratifying the concept.

Annex 5

DNI Election Process

January 2010: After successful registration of DNI as a CSO in Strasbourg/Ilkirch, discussion started among the temporary SC and AB members and guided by three main concerns: i) Truly internationalise DesertNet International Boards; ii) Guarantee multi-disciplinarity in DNI Boards; iii) Maintain operational work level of the new DNI Board.

March 2010: an international "DNI Task Force" was created to prepare the international election process.

18 June 2010: A meeting was held in Ghent (Belgium) by the DNI task Force to finalise elections documents and ratify the Road Map leading to the election.

June 2010: start up of the technical set up of the election system, under the management of Thomas Hillman IT specialist from the University of Hamburg. A system was created according to which i) voters could cast only 1 vote using personal link sent to e-mail address; ii) ballots were received under anonymous code; iii) submitted ballots could not be linked to the e-mail address of the sender.

5 July 2010: a letter was sent out to all DNI members to request for candidatures to the DNI SC and AB, with the criteria for the candidates prerequisites.

16 July 2010: deadline for returning candidatures

26 July 2010: deadline for the candidatures selection process by the temporary DNI SC and AB against the criteria; no candidatures were rejected.

28 July 2010: the final lists of SC and AB candidates was circulated among DNI members (19 candidates to SC; 15 candidates to AB), with instructions on voting procedure

5-21-26 August: reminders on elections was sent out to all DNI members; on 21 August, the Agenda for the General Assembly was also sent out.

1 September: an internal technical testing of the electronic election system was successfully carried out.

4 September: the personal electronic link to the ballots was sent to all eligible voters of DNI.

7-9 September: 3-day election process was successfully accomplished.

10-12 September: the Election Monitoring Group cross checked the results of the election.

13 September: the results of the elections were announced by the Monitoring Group to all DNI members.

20 September: Newly nominated Chair, co-Chair, Secretary General, Treasurer were settled after discussion among DNI SC and AB..

30 September: The first DNI General Assembly was held in Rome, kindly hosted by IFAD.

Annex 6

Template for submitting suggestions for DNI Working Groups or Task Forces

Title of the Working Group / Task Force	
Name of the leader(s)	
Institute(s)	
Theme (max. 300 words)	
Target group(s) and institution(s)	
Members of the Groups (DNI as well as non-DNI members)	
Communication structure (electronically, physical meeting(s))	
Funding concept	
Products (publications, presentations, ...)	