

Memorandum of Understanding
between the
Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
and the
International Labour Organization

Regarding

the collaboration to advance sustainability, contributing to halting desertification, and supporting decent work opportunities and green jobs, with particular attention to addressing the linkages between desertification and migration trends

THE PRESENT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made between the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (“UNCCD”) and the International Labour Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations, represented by the International Labour Office (the “ILO”) hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS the Parties share a common objective of promoting sustainable development;

WHEREAS the Convention to Combat Desertification acknowledges that environmental challenges, such as droughts and desertification, affect sustainable development through their interrelationships with social issues such as poverty, and those arising from migration and displacement of persons;

WHEREAS the Convention indicates that national plans to address desertification may include, inter alia, mechanisms for assisting environmentally displaced persons, and establish alternative livelihood projects;

WHEREAS in November 2015, the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization by its decision on document GB325/POL/3, authorized the publication of the Guidelines for a just transition towards sustainable economies and societies for all, adopted by the Tripartite of Experts and requested their use as a policy framework and tool to guide action towards environmental sustainability in the context of decent work;

WHEREAS in November 2016, the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization by its decision on document GB.328/INS/17/3 (Rev.) requested the Director-General to take into consideration the non-binding guiding principles on the access of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons to the labour market when drawing up proposals for future work in this area;

WHEREAS a well-managed transition towards sustainable economies and societies can be a strong driver for economic prosperity, job creation, sustainable livelihoods, poverty reduction and social justice, leaving no one behind, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

WHEREAS the Parties recognise the importance of integrated approaches that advance sustainable development;

The UNCCD and the ILO, have agreed as follows:

Article 1: Purpose and objectives

The purpose of the Agreement is to establish a framework of collaboration to advance sustainability, contributing to halting desertification, and supporting decent work opportunities and green jobs, with particular attention to addressing the linkages between desertification and migration trends.

Article 2: Commitments of the UNCCD

2.1 The UNCCD shall be responsible for:

- Seeking and addressing technical inputs from the ILO for mutually agreed reports requested by the Conference of the Parties and publications that include aspects of decent work opportunities to tackle land degradation related drivers of migration and instability, and cooperating in other mutually agreed knowledge-building initiatives;
- Identifying, jointly with the ILO, countries for collaboration in resource mobilisation efforts to

advance sustainability, contributing to halting desertification, and supporting decent work opportunities and green jobs, with particular attention to addressing the linkages between desertification and migration.

- Assisting the development of project proposals for jointly identified countries to support implementation of such integrated approaches, with technical inputs from the ILO;
- Facilitating joint engagement with key national and international counterparts for providing inputs to project proposals, and mobilising resources, including for ILO implementation support;
- Collaborating with the ILO in other mutually agreed areas, including policy, advocacy and communications.

Article 3: Commitments of the ILO

3.1 The ILO shall be responsible for:

- Providing technical inputs to mutually agreed reports requested by the Conference of the Parties and publications that include aspects of decent work opportunities to tackle land degradation related drivers of migration and instability, and cooperating in other mutually agreed knowledge-building initiatives;
- Identifying jointly with UNCCD countries for collaboration in resource mobilisation efforts to advance sustainability, contributing to halting desertification, and supporting decent work opportunities and green jobs, with particular attention to addressing the linkages between desertification and migration.
- Providing inputs to the development of project proposals for jointly identified countries to support joint resource mobilisation and implementation of such integrated approaches;
- Facilitating joint engagement with key national and international counterparts for providing inputs to project proposals, and mobilise resources;
- Collaborating with UNCCD in other mutually agreed areas, including policy, advocacy and communications.

Article 4: Duration of Agreement

4.1 The Agreement shall come into force and effect upon the date of the last signature and shall remain valid indefinitely until terminated by either Party upon three (3) months' written notice to the other Party.

4.2 In order to support the implementation of this Agreement, a work plan for the first year of the collaboration is enclosed in Annex I. It will be jointly updated if requested by UNCCD or the ILO. Subsequent work plans will be jointly developed by UNCCD and the ILO.

Article 5: Implementation

5.1 Any activities carried out by the ILO under this Agreement will be implemented in accordance with ILO regulations, rules and procedures and will be subject exclusively to the internal and external auditing

procedures provided for in the financial regulations, rules and directives of ILO.

5.2 Evaluation of the collaboration activity will be conducted in accordance with the evaluation policy of the Parties.

Article 6: Privileges and immunities

Nothing in or relating to the Agreement shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the UNCCD, the ILO, and the United Nations, including their subsidiary organs.

Article 7: Settlement of disputes

The Partners shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of the Agreement or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof.

Article 8: Correspondence

All correspondence regarding the Agreement between the Partners shall be addressed to:

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Article 9: Final provisions

9.1 The ILO will not permit any official of the Secretariat to receive a direct or indirect profit from the Agreement or from any subsequent agreement(s) between the Parties.

9.2 The Partners warrant that at the time of signing the Agreement no conflict of interest exists or is likely to arise in connection with the same.

9.3 Without prejudice to pre-existing intellectual property rights, the intellectual property rights on the material created in relation to the implementation of the Agreement shall belong both to the UNCCD and the ILO, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the ILO and the UNCCD.

9.4 Neither Party shall use the name, logo or emblem of the other Party without the prior written consent of that Party.

9.5 Nothing in the Agreement shall be so construed as to require either Partner to furnish any material, data or information the furnishing of which could, in its judgment, require it to violate its policy regarding the confidentiality of such information.

9.6 The Agreement may be amended in writing by the Parties. Any amendment will enter into force on the date of its signature by both Parties.

9.7 Annex I is an integral part to the Agreement. If there is inconsistency between Annex I and the present Agreement, the latter shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed the present Agreement in two (2) originals in English on the day set forth below.

For the Secretariat of the United Nations
Convention to Combat Desertification

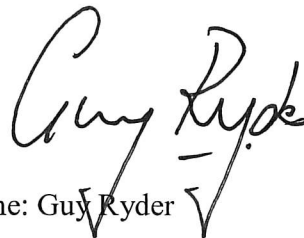


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Place and date: New York, the 23rd of
September 2019

For the International Labour Organization



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Title: Director-General

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