CARI and partner's activities at UNCCD COP17

CARI is participating in the 17th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), taking place August 17–28, 2026, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Some partner organizations of the GTD, RADDO, ReSaD, and Drynet, will also be in attendance.

Together, CARI and its partners will represent the voice of civil society in international negotiations on sustainable land management in drylands.

Participation in COP17 is centered on several objectives:

- Highlight the findings of the 6th edition of Désertif'actions on the resilience of territories to drought
- Highlight local governments in both the North and the South as key actors in sustainable land management within their territories, and encourage their involvement in discussions at international meetings
- Raise awareness about the importance of supporting pastoralists' mobility to enhance the resilience of pastoral communities Engage in dialogue with GMV stakeholders to ensure that civil society is better integrated into these implementation processes

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Side events in which **CARI participates**

France Pavilion

August 24 | 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Knowledge systems for the sustainable conservation and restoration of land
France Pavilion | Organized by the IRD

August 24 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Agroecology for the sustainable restoration of farmland: creating conditions conducive to agroecological transitions in local areas
France Pavilion | Organized by the IRD

August 25 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Toward more drought-resilient territories: how are the recommendations of Désertif'actions 2026 being implemented?
France Pavilion | Organized by CARI

August 17–28
Come to the France Pavilion to meet French representatives and discover all the events you can attend.

Blue Zone

August 21 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Making the invisible visible: strengthening the role of civil society in the Great Green Wall
MET 07 - blue zone | Organized by APEFE

August 24 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
The Riyadh action agenda: showcasing delivery by the RAA Community
MET 21 – blue zone | Organized by Ambition Loop

August 26 | 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
From an invisible crisis to collective action: communicating about desertification and mobilising solutions
MET 07 - blue zone | Organized by Desertnet International

August 27 | 1:00 p.m.
Agroecology as a tool for territorial resilience to crisis events
MET 22 – blue zone | Organized by AICS

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Resources from Désertif'actions

Access the resources by scanning the QR code

Gaining a better understanding of the issues

COP17 analysis notes

Two notes to help better understand the role given to agricultural and food systems, as well as to pastoral land-use patterns and herders, in the discussions and decisions of the UNCCD. They highlight the progress made, the limitations, and the key issues to be addressed at COP17.

- Evolution of the Role of Agricultural and Food Systems within the UNCCD
- Rangelands and Pastoralism: How Are They Addressed in International Negotiations and Land?

Note on drought and agroecology

An educational publication designed to help readers understand droughts and bridge the gap between research and practice by shedding light on the practical challenges of drought management through the lens of agroecology. The goal is to demonstrate, in a clear and practical way, how agroecological approaches can strengthen the resilience of agricultural systems and rural communities in the face of current and future crises.

Droughts and agroecology: let's make sense of it

The Désertif'actions workbooks

The "cahiers de Désertif'actions" series is an educational resource designed to raise awareness of the UNCCD framework. It provides insights into the Convention, how it operates, its institutional and financial ecosystem, and more. Some workbooks are highly descriptive, others are more methodological, and still others are more thematic and analytical.

The Désertif'actions Workbooks (in French only)

Influencing Decisions

Policy brief

An advocacy document resulting from the Désertif'actions 2026 initiative, aimed at better anticipating droughts and sustainably strengthening the resilience of territories. It highlights concrete measures in the areas of public policy, multi-stakeholder governance, financing, support for local actors, and capacity building, with the goal of shifting from crisis management to a preventive and integrated approach.

Local resilience to droughts: Taking coordinated action to prevent disasters – Insights for decision-makers –

The 4 recommendations from Désertif'actions

Four papers from Désertif'actions 2026 offering concrete guidance on agroecology, water management, pastoralism, and the role of local authorities in addressing droughts.

- Agroecology to equip agricultural systems to cope with drought
- No pastoralism without mobility: challenges and proposals
- Working together to build water security: an imperative
- Strengthen the role of local authorities in building the resilience of territories to drought

Position paper

A document that highlights the growing vulnerability of oasis systems to droughts, while demonstrating their strong potential for resilience. Drawing on the experience of oasis systems in Algeria, it analyzes how agroecology, terraced farming, crop diversification, soil improvement, and more efficient water management can sustainably strengthen oasis farms and regions.

Promoting agroecology as an appropriate response to the challenges of drought in oasis systems

A few **side event** organized by CARI **partners**

France Pavilion

August 24 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Water at the heart of the fight against desertification: investing in local communities to restore soils, build resilience, and ensure food security
France Pavilion | Organized by the Department of Aude

August 25 | 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Pastoralism and grazing lands: what Implications does the IYRP declaration hold for COP decisions?
France Pavilion | Organized by CIRAD

August 25 | 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Soil health as a foundation for One Health: A key to resilient food systems
France Pavilion | Organized by the 4/1000 Initiative and IRD

In other areas of the COP

August 19 | 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
How inclusive land restoration can contribute to social cohesion and stability: lessons learned from farmer-led natural regeneration (RNA) in the Sahel
MET-07 | Organized by the UNCCD and Both Ends

August 27 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Food systems transformation in motion: agroecology in principle, in policy and in practice
Meeting Room - MET24 Blue Zone | Organized by AE Coalition

Events organized by the Drynet network

August 18 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Healthy Soils 4 Food | MET-05

August 18 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Value Chains 4 LDN | MET-05

August 19 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Implementing Voluntary Targets 4 LDN in RECs | PAGGW Pavillon

August 20 | 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Community-driven Management in Rangelands | MET-05

August 20 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Indigenous Data & Resilient Territories | MET-05

August 22 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Indigenous Nomadic Pastoralists' Territories of Life | MET-05

August 26 | 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Solution 4 Soil Restoration | MET-06

All the info here : https://dry-net.org/drynet-events/#upcomingevents

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