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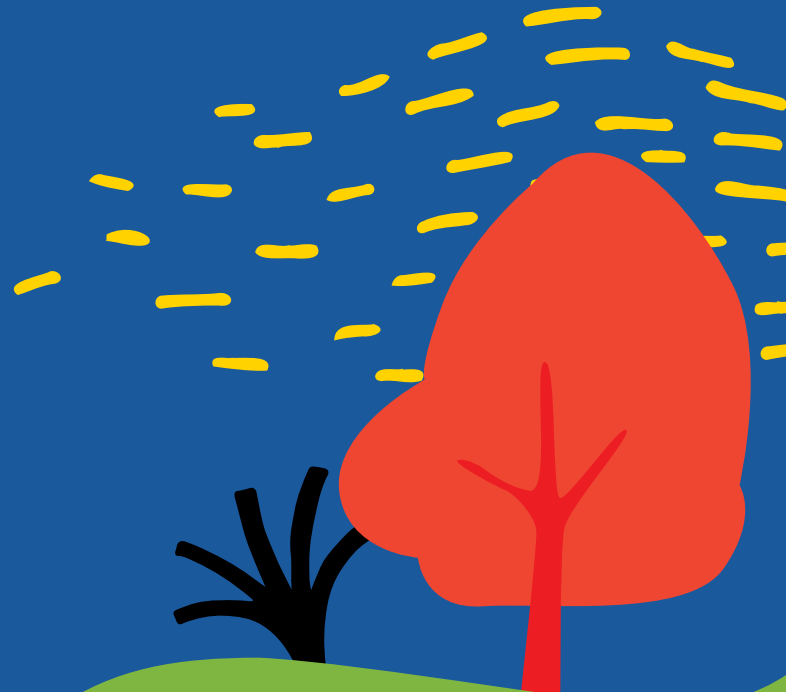
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DESERTIFICATION AND
DROUGHT DAY • 17 JUNE 2024

EVENTS AROUND DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT DAY 2024

Every second, an equivalent of four football fields of healthy land becomes degraded. This is adding up to a total of 100 million hectares every year - an area almost three times the size of Germany. Engaging present and future generations is more important than ever to halt and reverse these alarming trends and mobilize all parts of society in support of sustainable land stewardship. This year's Desertification and Drought Day, observed on 17 June 2024, will focus on the future of land stewardship under the theme „United for Land: Our Legacy. Our Future.“.

This year, again, many organizations show their support in organizing interesting events around Desertification and Drought Day. We kindly invite you to join the events, exchange ideas, and become part of #UNited4Land!



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WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2024 –
10–10:45 AM CEST (VIRTUAL)

ASSESSING THE ECONOMICS OF LAND DEGRADATION: A CASE STUDY FROM TUNISIA

Organizer: GIZ Global Programme Soil Protection and Rehabilitation of Degraded Soil for Food Security (ProSoil), country package Tunisia & Economic of Land Degradation Initiative

In 2023, the [GIZ Global Programme ProSoil](#), which is commissioned by BMZ and co-funded by the European Union and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, conducted a study on land degradation neutrality in Tunisia in cooperation with the [Economics of Land Degradation Initiative](#). The study aims to support decisions for sustainable land management to conserve and restore land resources and their ecosystem services for food security and livelihoods. During the event, national partners from Tunisia and GIZ experts and will present the costs of inaction versus the economic benefits of sustainable land management that promotes resilient, economically viable rain-fed agriculture.

Join the event here: [event link](#).

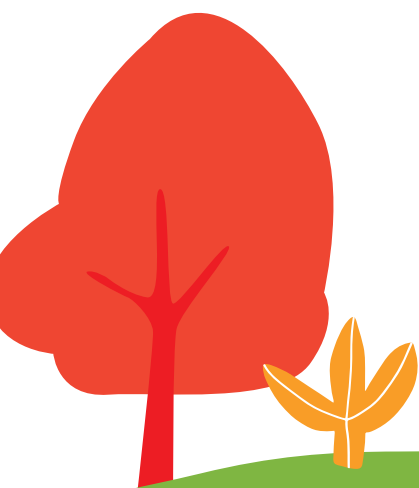
TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2024 –
5:00–8:00 PM CEST (BONN)

PANEL DISCUSSION AND INTERACTIVE MARKET PLACE – SCIENCE IN SUPPORT OF COMBATTING LAND DEGRADATION

Organizer: German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS)

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, the [INTERFACES](#) team at IDOS in collaboration with the NGO “Let’s Plant!” is organizing an evening event including an engaging panel discussion and an interactive market place, accompanied by music, food and drinks, aiming to foster exchange and science-policy-practitioner networking among organizations and people engaged in combating desertification, soil degradation and drought.

Join the event by registering [here](#).



**TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2024 –
11:30 AM–1:30 PM CEST
(VIRTUAL)**

LESSONS FROM A DECADE OF IMPLEMENTING A TRANSFORMATIVE APPROACH TO SOIL PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION IN BENIN

Organizer: GIZ Global Programme Soil Protection and Rehabilitation of Degraded Soil for Food Security (ProSoil), country package Benin

[The Global Programme ProSoil](#), implemented by GIZ on behalf of BMZ and co-funded by the European Union and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, supports and advises smallholder farmers in seven BMZ partner countries on how to protect their agricultural land from soil erosion using agroecological and climate-smart technologies and how to restore and maintain soil fertility in the long term. As the programme's activities in Benin are coming to an end in 2024, the event will be the opportunity for sharing the key findings of the final evaluation. Learn about the impacts and lessons learned from a decade of successful soil rehabilitation in Benin by joining the event here: [event link](#).

**TUESDAY, 5 JULY 2024 –
10:30–11:30 AM CEST
(VIRTUAL)**

10 YEARS OF PROSOIL: SHARING KNOWLEDGE ON GOOD PRACTICES IN SOIL PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION THROUGH THE WOCAT GLOBAL DATABASE ON SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT

Organizer: GIZ Global Programme Soil Protection and Rehabilitation of Degraded Soil for Food Security (ProSoil), country package Kenya & World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT)

Over the past ten years, the [Global Programme ProSoil](#), implemented by GIZ on behalf of BMZ and co-funded by the European Union and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has compiled extensive practical knowledge on successful approaches to sustainable land management. The programme has collaborated with the [WOCAT](#), as the recommended global database for sustainable land management, to ensure that successful approaches are properly documented and made globally and freely available. Hear about lessons learned from the programme's work as well as the land degradation neutrality decision support tool created by ProSoil's Kenya country package in collaboration with WOCAT.

Join the event here: [event link](#).

More events around Desertification and Drought Day 2024 are available in the [official event calendar](#).

