

UNCCD signed a new global agreement on drought resilience: Focusing on promoting smart solutions to land-based drought

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Abstract: The EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) said 2022 was the world's fifth-warmest year. As high temperatures occur more often, the drought issue needs to be paid attention to. Across the globe, more frequent and prolonged droughts are up nearly by a third since 2000. On January 26, 2023, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln signed a new cooperation agreement, to jointly advance global drought resilience agenda. It is reported that this center will be tasked with recommending approaches to integrated drought risk management focused on drought-smart land-based solutions, convening independent scientific debate on drought resilience and providing methodological guidance on knowledge management related to SDG targets of building disaster resilience, mitigating water scarcity and achieving land degradation neutrality. The UNCCD Executive Secretary Ibrahim Thiaw said that it "will help to foster better collaboration between UNCCD, and local and national institutions, and to develop and share best practices on drought resilience and adaptation."

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