

## **DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT**

### **Questions for launching the discussion**

1. What are the main constraints at the national level in pursuing an integrated approach in developing and adopting sustainable development strategies ensuring synergies among climate change, loss of biodiversity and desertification?
2. How to increase in the level and the diversity of available funding for combating desertification and drought when using efficiently results of the scientific studies and monitoring, incl. indicators, at the national and regional level?
3. How to ensure the effective implementation of the 10-Year Strategic Plan adopted in September 2007 by the Conference of Parties to the UNCCD and how to promote drought and desertification agenda to be one of the political priorities?
4. Where do you see the potential for strengthening the cooperation within and among regions and building partnerships (finalization of RAPs)?
5. How to motivate all stakeholders, incl. private sector, to participate in the UNCCD process?
6. Do you consider designation of the afforestation projects to combat land degradation and desertification under the Clean Development Mechanism as a right way forward? How could it be achieved?
7. How to deal with socio-economic impacts of desertification, land degradation and drought, incl. migration, which might lead to political instability and create disputes between migrants and local communities?

What are the UNECE region's lessons learned, best practices, identified obstacles and possible options in:

1. Moving from crisis management to drought risk management, including moving towards a water-efficient and water-saving economy;
2. Building capacities and instruments for early drought preparedness and reliable assessment;
3. Mitigating drought impacts through sustainable landscape management (land use planning, agriculture, forestry, fishery);
4. Promoting international cooperation on drought issues, particularly transboundary cooperation.