

The background of the slide is a photograph of parched, cracked earth. The cracks are deep and irregular, forming a network across the surface. Sparse, dry-looking green grass is growing in some of the cracks.

Proposal for the contents of the booklet on
A7. REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ACTION PROGRAMMES

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Booklet aim:

Affected Country parties in the UNCCD Annex IV have begun defining national priorities and elaborating National Action Programmes to combat desertification in a practical manner.

- This booklet will provide an introduction to the UNCCD and will show how the different affected countries are trying to coordinate efforts and to define common priorities to tackle desertification;
- Examples of common projects and achievements will be given as well as national initiatives;
- It will also include information about lessons learned and future goals.

1a. Introduction: The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

A short introduction (1-2 pp) will be provided of the UNCCD as the main framework for action.



Main contents:

- UNCCD aim (to contain the effects of desertification by eradicating poverty, promoting sustainable development and improving living conditions of affected populations)
- Its mechanisms (Secretariat, COP, CRIC, CST, GM,),
- Importance of participatory approach (bottom-up)

1b. Introduction to Regional, Sub-Regional and National Action Programmes

This section (1-2 pp) will introduce the reader to the RAP, SRAP and NAP as the central element of the strategy to combat desertification.

Main contents:

- Brief description of the UNCCD five Regional Annexes
- Purposes, differences and similarities among RAP, SRAP and NAP
- Importance of activities implemented at the local level
- How all such programmes operate and integrate each other

2a. The Northern Mediterranean Region: UNCCD Annex IV

A comprehensive although simplified history and description of the Mediterranean region and the affected countries will be provided.

Main contents:

- History and description of the Sub-regional group of Annex IV (Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, *Turkey*);
- Brief outline of the Countries entitled to both Annex IV and V (Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia); *a separate box may present main relevant activities carried out in these Countries.*

2b. Activities carried out at the Sub-Regional level

This section will focus specifically on the sub-regional group of the Annex IV, presenting the common activities carried out in these Countries in the SRAP framework and the priorities emerged

Main contents:

- Main priorities contained in the ToR for Annex IV;
- History of the coordinated common activities carried out in the region;
- Main common projects carried out at sub-regional or upper level to support this process and results obtained (1 box will illustrate MEDRAP achievements)

3. Activities carried out at the National level

This section will briefly illustrate the national profiles of the sub-regional Annex IV Countries, illustrating activities carried out, priorities emerged and status of the respective NAP, also referring to the local level

One page per Country providing the following information :

- Main activities carried out (monitoring, restoration, etc.), achievements and priorities emerged;
- General information about the NAP;
- One box per Country may present a significant research or demonstration project at the international or national level (*eg. Pilot areas in Portugal, Alicante restoration project in Spain, RIADE - Italy, Greece.*).

4. Lessons learned and future perspectives

This final section will summarize the “state of the art” of the SRAP and the NAPs with a view to provide guidelines and recommendations for action also at the local level

Main contents:

- State of the art;
- Guidelines and recommendations for the successful elaboration and implementation of Action Programmes, also with reference to the local level (b.ottom-up approach)