

	<p>T.C. Çevre ve Orman Bakanlığı</p> 	
<p>Turkey's National Activities proposed for the celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (IYDD)</p>		

	Activities	Responsible Institutions/Partners	Tentative date	Venue
FEBRUARY TO MAY				
1	Announcement of the UN message of IYDD Resolution sent by UNCCD Secretariat over the country	MEF	January 2006	Done
2	First National Committee meeting on the preparation of the IYDD and selection of events	MEF and National Coordinating Committee of The CCD	March 2006	Done
	Seminar on Desertification for Primary and secondary school		March-April 2006	Done
3	Establishment of National Executive Committee for IYDD	MEF coordination with the other related bodies	April 2006	Done
MAY 2006				
4	Training Seminar on Watershed Rehabilitation participating by the experts from the countries of Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)	MEF	23-27 May 2006	Malatya
JUNE 2006				
5	Photo exhibition and awards	MEF, in coordination with The Association	17 June 2006	Ankara

		of Ankara Photo Artists (AFSAD)		
6	Special “desertification” subject sermon (religious speak by the Muslim preachers on mosques	MEF with Department of Religious Affairs	16 June 2006	Over the country
7	Special issue of memory Stamp with IYDD logo	MEF and PTT	5 June 2006	Ankara
8	Special issue of National Lottery with IYDD logo	MEF and National Lottery Foundation	19 June 2006	Ankara
JULY 2006				
9	Organization of a special cub scout (scouting) with the them of “desertification”	Anatolian Eagles Sport Club and MEF	03-12 July 2006	Antalya
10	Setting up a special links with MEF Web page	MEF	July 2006	
AUGUST 2006				
11	Walking trip with the slogan of “Let’s claim our soil”	MEF	25-26 August 2006	Afyon
SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2006				
12	International Symposium on “Afforestation in Drylands”	MEF	November 2006	Ankara
13	Panel on prevention of land, vegetation and soil degradation	MEF, in coordination with universities and other academia	To be decided	Ankara
14	Competitions and contests on different branches of sport	Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MEF) and Sport Clubs	To be determined	Ankara
15	Scientific and technical study tours to the specific areas where the drought and desertification are important phenomenon	MEF	During the year	karapınar, Sazoba, GAP region etc.
ALL YEAR ROUND				
16	IYDD related short messages (SMS) through GSM	GSM operators in cooperation with all	During the year	

	operators	interested bodies		
17	Media productions (interviews. Spot film etc. through TV and Radio emissions)	MEF, TRT and other Media agencies	During the year	Over the country
18	Organization of subject related trekking and picnics	MEF and other NGOs	During the year	Over the country
19	Preparation, publication and distribution of posters, booklets, brochures,	MEF	During the year	Ankara
20	Production of Free samples of badges, mouse pad, pen, notebook, hat, shirt, bag, cup etc.	MEF and other sponsor firms	During the year	Over the country
21	Promotional publications through papers, journals, magazines etc	MEF, national and local press agencies (newspapers, journals, periodicals etc)	During the year	Over the country
22	Utilization of IYDD logo on the official correspondences	MEF and other interested institutions	During the year	Over the country