

**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DESERTS AND DESERTIFICATION  
(IYDD)**

**Meeting for consideration of the proposal for an environmental  
rehabilitation programme with the participation of youth in the Caribbean  
States and the development of a Sub-regional Action Programme for the  
Caribbean  
La Havana Cuba 2006  
8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Draft Agenda  
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**Day 1 Monday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Activities to mark IYDD**

08:30 – 09:30 Registration of participants

09:30 – 11:00 Official Opening Ceremony:

Welcome address CITMA - Cuba

Address by UNCCD Executive Secretary

Address by the Resident Coordinator (ag.) of the UN in Cuba.

Address by the Ambassador of China to Cuba

Address by the Ambassador of Venezuela to Cuba

Address by the Minister of CITMA and official opening of the meeting

11: 00 – 11: 25 Coffee Break

**Session 1**

11:25 – 12:00 Presentation on IYDD (UNCCD)

12:30 – 13:00 General presentation on the implementation of the UNCCD in the Caribbean  
(UNCCD LAC Unit coordinator)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break

**Session 2**

14:30 – 15:00 Presentations by countries

15:00 – 16:30 Discussion on UNCCD implementation in the Caribbean

**Closure Day 1**

## **Day 2 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **Technical Meeting: Consideration of the proposal for an environmental rehabilitation programme with the participation of youth in the Caribbean States and the development of a Sub-regional Action Programme for the Caribbean**

#### **Session 3**

09:00 – 09:10 Review and adoption of the agenda

09:10 – 09:40 General presentation on the status of the project

09:40 – 10:10 Questions and answers

10:10 – 10:40 Concrete suggestion as to necessary changes to the project proposal

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:40 Discussion on modalities for the creation and procedure of the function of the Coordinating Committee

11:40 – 12:40 Discussion on partnership with such agency as UNEP, UNDP, GM and the GEF Small Grants Programme

12:40 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Discussion on Strategies for further resource mobilization including other possible sources of funding

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 17:00 Short presentations by countries of their national component of the project

17:00 – 17:30 Synergies with relevant ongoing initiatives

## **Day 3 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Session 4**

09:00 – 10:30 Discussions on modalities for implementation at the national level (working in groups)

10:30 – 11:00 Plenary session

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00 Identification of the first five pilot projects

12:00 – 12:30 Training in Las Tunas, Cuba

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

#### **Session 5**

13:30 – 14:30 Presentation on the concept of a Sub-regional Action Programme (SRAP)

14:30 – 15:00 Specific role of the UNCCD Secretariat

15:00 – 15:30 General discussion on the SRAP

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:30 Presentation and adoption of the main points of the final report

16:30 – 17:00 General wrap-up and closure of the meeting