

The Drynet Charter

Commitment by Members to the Drynet Network

The Drynet Network aims to address the situation of vulnerable people and ecosystems in the global drylands which are threatened by climatic changes and inappropriate land use.

The Network and its members take action locally as well as nationally and globally for giving a future to drylands, particularly in the framework of the UN Multilateral Agreements for the Environment and beyond.

The Drynet members recognise and appreciate the rich experiences of dryland communities in developing their own solutions to the challenges of land degradation and drought and commit to promoting the engagement of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in mobilising and supporting communities in their efforts to combat desertification and to strengthen their roles and abilities in the management of their natural ecosystems

The Drynet members appreciate that decision-makers at various levels in their respective countries and abroad represent a crucial nexus between local land users and national decision making, and commit ourselves to support sound decision making on the part of elected and appointed government officials by providing them with relevant information and access to skills and resources.

Drynet further commits to playing an active role in promoting the mainstreaming of dryland issues into national political agendas and on the agendas of donor agencies, and to promote the integration of dryland issues into general development processes and aid agreements.

Drynet therefore commits to strengthening civil society networks by sharing information and advancing knowledge of sustainable dryland utilisation and by contributing to the improvement of policies that impact upon drylands. Drynet members will engage with the national CSO network in their respective countries to support the development of necessary instruments and capacities to enable members of civil society to participate in an organised and responsible manner in the political and budgetary mainstreaming of the aims of the UNCCD in National Action Plans, national development priorities, frameworks such as MDG's, 5-year development plans, Country Strategy Papers and PRSPs, and trade related frameworks.

Drynet members undertake to promote and participate in the exchange of positive SLM results and participatory methodologies to combat land degradation among CSOs, key stakeholders from science and key policy-makers.

Drynet members commit to uphold the values of mutual respect, honesty, integrity, trust, equity, commitment, compassion, openness, justice, diversity of belief systems and inclusivity.

In upholding these values **we will embrace the principles** of transparency, accountability, active participation, promotion of synergies, inclusivity, sharing, partnerships, inspiration, democratic decision making and flexibility.

We further undertake to contribute to developing, supporting and achieving the objectives of Drynet, as determined by the General Assembly of the Network

In the case of individuals nominated to represent our organisation in the Network, we undertake to provide them with the necessary organisational backing to play an effective role within Drynet and to contribute effectively to its activities.

Name of individual or organisation:

Signed and approved at on/...../ 20..

Signature: