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ANNOUNCING A SIDE EVENT **on September 5 /2007**

Drylands are found in about 100 countries that are inhabited by nearly 40% of the global population. Of the world's productive land, 54% is made up of drylands.

**People have inhabited drylands and deserts for centuries.
They have their stories.**

And DRYNET will help present their stories to a global audience.

Initiated in early 2007, DRYNET is a joint effort of 14 NGOs from 17 different countries, including those in continents with large areas under drylands and deserts. DRYNET's goal is strengthen existing civil society networks by giving them the knowledge and visibility to influence dryland development. Using a multimedia approach that includes an interactive website, e-newsletters and radio programmes, DRYNET will convey information on best practices, success stories, experiences and scientific information on how people manage drylands and combat desertification in different parts of the world.

We cordially invite you to a side event to discuss the role of NGOs and landusers in combating desertification and coping with climate change.

SIDE EVENT- CSO IN ACTION

Theme: "Developing capacities in changing times: NGOs and landusers mobilise local and scientific knowledge to combat desertification and adapt to climate change"
(format: talk followed by group discussion)

Date : 5th September 2007

Venue : to be announced (please see the daily journal of the 5th)

Time: 18h (**Refreshments will be served**)

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