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To: All OSCE Delegations
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Subject: Updated Agenda for the OSCE Chairmanship - NATO Workshop on
"Water Scarcity, Land Degradation and Desertification in the
Mediterranean Region", Valencia, Spain, 10 -11 December 2007

Please find attached an Updated Agenda for the OSCE Chairmanship - NATO Workshop on
"Water Scarcity, Land Degradation and Desertification in the Mediterranean Region -
Environment and Security Linkages", Valencia, Spain, 10 - 11 December 2007



Agenda

OSCE Chairmanship / NATO Workshop on

**"Water Scarcity, Land Degradation and
Desertification in the Mediterranean Region -
Environment and Security Aspects"**

**"Museo de las Ciencias Príncipe Felipe"
City of Arts and Sciences**

**Valencia, Spain
10-11 December 2007**

With the support of: Centro de Investigaciones sobre Desertificación- CIDE (CSIC, Universitat de Valencia, Generalitat Valenciana) and Conselleria de Medio Ambiente, Agua, Urbanismo y Vivienda, de la Generalitat Valenciana

10 December 2007

09:15 – 10:00	Opening Plenary	Moderator: Mr. Bernard Snoy, Co-ordinator, OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming of participants and presentation of the agenda 	Ambassador Jose Angel López-Jorri Head of the OSCE Task Force Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain, OSCE Chairmanship José Ramón García Antón Conseller de Medi Ambient, Aigua, Urbanisme i Habitatge. Generalitat Valenciana
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives of the workshop and brief introduction to the background paper 	Mr. Bernard Snoy Co-ordinator, OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities Dr. Fausto Pedrazzini Programme Director NATO Public Diplomacy Division. Rapporteur: Raul Daussa
10:00 – 11:00	Plenary Session I	Keynote Speakers
	<i>Environmental Conditions in the Mediterranean Region: Possible future Scenarios</i> <i>Status of Desertification in the Mediterranean Region</i>	Mr. Henri-Luc Thibault Director of UNEP Blue Plan Prof. Uriel Safriel Hebrew University of Jerusalem Department of Evolution Systematics and Ecology (ESE) Silberman Institute of Life Sciences Rapporteur: Gabriel Leonte
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee / tea break	

11:30 – 12:30	Plenary Session II	Keynote Speakers
	<p><i>Reviewing Land Use and Security Aspects in the Mediterranean Region</i></p> <p><i>Water scarcity and Desertification as a Security Challenge in the Mediterranean Region</i></p>	<p>Prof. Winfried E.H. Blum University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna</p> <p>Dr. José L. Rubio Centro de Investigaciones sobre Desertificación – CIDE – CSIC Valencia</p> <p>Rapporteur: Raul Daussa</p>
12:30-13:30	Parallel Working Groups	Facilitators:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WG I – Security Implications of Unsustainable Water Management and Land Use <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WG II - Loss of Livelihoods and increased Migration 	<p>Mr. William G. Kepner Research Ecologist USA</p> <p>Prof. Uriel Safriel</p> <p>Prof. Winfried E.H. Blum</p> <p>Rapporteur: Vicente Andreu</p> <p>Dr. Tamer Affi United Nations University-Institute for Environment and Human Security Bonn</p> <p>Dr. David Mouat Desert Research Institute, Division of Earth and Ecosystem Sciences, USA</p> <p>Dr. José L. Rubio</p> <p>Rapporteur: Philip Reuchlin</p>
13.30 – 15.00	Lunch	
15:00 – 16:00	Working Groups Continuation	
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee / tea break	
16:30 – 17:30	Plenary Session: Working Group Reports	Working Group Facilitators
21:00	Dinner	

11 December 2007		
9.30 – 10.30	Plenary Session III	Key Note Speaker
	<i>Overview of the UNCCD study on "Securing the ground, grounding security"</i>	Mr. Grégoire de Kalbermatten Deputy Executive Secretary UNCCD
10:30 – 11:30	Parallel Working Groups:	Facilitators
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG III – Linkages between Combating Land Degradation, Desertification and Conflict Prevention 	Mr Boubacar Cisse UNCCD Secretariat Bonn Dr. Abdel Gilil UNCCD Focal Point - Egypt Cairo Rapporteur: Gabriel Leonte
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG IV – Managing Water Scarcity 	Prof. Mohamed Badraoui Director of the fight against Desertification and Nature Protection Rabat Mr. Javier Ferrer Head of Water Planning Unit - Jucar River Basin Authority and Vice-President of the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations Valencia Rapporteur: Philip Reuchlin
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee / tea break	
12:00 – 13:00	Working Groups Continuation	
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch	
14:30 – 15:30	Working Group Reports	Working Group Facilitators
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee / tea break	
16:00 – 17:00	Closing Plenary	Panellists
	<i>The role of the OSCE and NATO, and other competent organizations in raising awareness about environment and security aspects in the Mediterranean Region</i>	Mr. Marc Baltes Senior Adviser, OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities Dr. Fausto Pedrazzini, Mr. Henri-Luc Thibault, Mr. Boubacar Cisse and Mr. Grégoire de Kalbermatten Rapporteur: Gabriel Leonte/ Raul Daussa