

The Philippines joins the Observance of World Day to Combat Desertification 2017

The Philippines participated in the global observance of the 2017 World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD) by holding a Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Technical Consultation and Stakeholders' Forum. It was participated by representatives of member-agencies of Land and Water Subcommittees of the Committee on the Conservation and Management of Resources for Development (CCMRD), Civil Society Organizations (CSO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and the private sector.

The forum was spearheaded by the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), being the UNCCD National Focal Agency with support and assistance provided by Mr. Eduardo Queblatin, UNCCD LDN consultant. Director Angel C. Enriquez, the newly designated National Focal Point, who was on official travel, was represented by Asst. Director Sonia M. Salguero. Representatives from the National Economic Development Authority, Forest Management Bureau, and FAO delivered their respective WDCD messages. The Compilation of Sustainable Land Management Practices in the Philippines, which was produced through the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) platform, was also launched during the event. The forum highlighted the presentation of the initial LDN National Baselines and proposed targets which were validated through a workshop.

Meanwhile, other government agencies and partner CSOs were requested to support the observance of the WDCD 2017 by conducting relevant events and displaying WDCD streamer in front of their buildings.

Some of the photographs during the observance this year are shown below.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1. Participants of the LDN Technical Consultation and Stakeholders Forum.



Figure 2. Launching of the Compilation of SLM Practices in the Philippines.



Figure 3. 2017 WDCD streamers displayed in front of buildings of government offices.