



21 June 2017

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Invitation to participate in the UNCCD COP 13 Technology Fair and exhibition

The Thirteenth Conference of the Parties of UNCCD (COP 13) will be held in Ordos, Inner Mongolia, China, 6-16 September 2017. The conference will take place at:

Ordos International Convention and Exhibition Center,
17/F, Xinbaohui Building, 2061# Nanhai Rd,
Nanshan District, Shenzhen, China.

The UNCCD secretariat would like to invite partners to participate in an exhibition and Technology Fair to showcase experience in SLM and land restoration, innovation and technology. As space will be limited we encourage you to apply soon. The following allocation criteria will apply:

1. Activities to be exhibited should be relevant to the objectives of the United Nations Convention to combat desertification and related activities.
2. Applicants will be allotted a maximum of 9 m² of exhibition space, which will be assigned based on the degree of relevance to the objectives of the Convention and an equitable geographical distribution.
3. Participants in the Technology Fair will also be given the opportunity to present their technology/innovations at the "Technology Fair Spot" in the exhibition space area.
4. All exhibitors (incl. participants at the Technology Fair) will be responsible for the customs clearance of their exhibition material in accordance with the customs regulations of the People's Republic of China. The secretariat may, however, provide assistance.
5. The secretariat is responsible only for the allocation of exhibition space. Additional arrangements can be made through the secretariat depending on availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. All exhibitors will be responsible for the setting – up and maintenance of their own booths.
6. Additional information will be updated on the UNCCD website regularly: (<http://www2.unccd.int/convention/conference-parties-cop/cop13-towards-new-generation>)

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For further information about additional equipment for exhibitors (incl. Technology Fair Participants), including infrastructure and technology, as well as transport, shipment and storage, please contact:

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Participants wishing to participate as exhibitors and/or participate in the Technology Fair are kindly requested to fill in and send the attached application form to Email: exhibition@unccd.int

The concept note, this invitation letter and application form are available on line: (<http://www2.unccd.int/convention/conference-parties-cop/cop13-towards-new-generation>)

The deadline for submission of requests is 31 July 2017.

Applicants will be notified of the results by Monday, 7 August 2017.

We thank you very much for your continuous commitment and we are looking forward to meeting you at the UNCCD COP 13.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Barbut', written over a circular stamp.

Monique Barbut
Executive Secretary

