



CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT (CSE)

GLOBAL SOUTH MEDIA BRIEFING **DESERTIFICATION**

SEPTEMBER 5-8, 2019
NEW DELHI, INDIA

PROGRAMME AGENDA

DAY 1: September 5, 2019

REGISTRATION: 9.30-10.00 AM

10.00-11.30 AM: SESSION 1

Overview and Release of Down To Earth special issue

Welcome address and introductions

Souparno Banerjee, Senior Director-Outreach and Publications, CSE

'Rio's step-child' becomes a parent

Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE

Release of the Down To Earth special issue on desertification

..... **11.30 AM-12.00 noon: TEA BREAK**

12.00 noon-1.30 PM: SESSION 2

The Onward March of the Desert

Anchor: Richard Mahapatra, Managing Editor, Down To Earth

Stemming the flow

Dr P C Moharana, Principal Scientist (Geography), Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Climate conundrums: Heat rise, dust storms and desertification

Dr S D Attari, Deputy Director General, India Meteorological Department (IMD), New Delhi

..... 1.30-2.30 PM: LUNCH

2.30-4.00 PM: SESSION 2 CONTD.

The Onward March of the Desert

The mountain and the city: The case of the Aravallis

Chetan Agarwal, Independent Analyst and Senior Fellow, Centre for Ecology Development and Research, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Unholy connect: Aerosols and desertification

Dr Krishna Achuta Rao, Associate Professor, Centre for Atmospheric Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi

..... 4.00-4.30 PM: TEA BREAK

4.30-6.00 PM: SESSION 3

It's all about Water and its Management

Setting the tone: The importance of water and its management

Sushmita Sengupta, Programme Manager, Rural Water and Sanitation, CSE

Dying wisdom: Relevance of traditional water harvesting systems

Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE

DAY 2: September 6, 2019

10.00-11.00 AM: SESSION 3 CONTD.

It's all about Water and its Management

Extreme weather: Flood-drought equation and its role

Dr K J Ramesh, former Director General, India Meteorological Department (IMD), New Delhi

State strategies and measures: Case study of Rajasthan

Anju Bhalla, Joint Secretary, Union Ministry of Science and Technology and Central Nodal Officer, Jal Shakti, Pali, Rajasthan

..... 11.30 AM-12.00 NOON: TEA BREAK

12.00 NOON-1.30 PM: SESSION 4

Between Frying Pan and the Fire: Plight of the Modern Farmer

Agriculture today and its role in desertification

Devinder Sharma, Independent Agriculture Scientist and Food and Trade Policy Analyst, Mohali, Punjab

The state of the African farmer: An appraisal

Dr Komutunga Everline, Senior Research Officer & Team Leader, Soils, agro-meteorology and environment programme, National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO), Kampala, Uganda

Moderator: Daniel Aghan Odongo, Secretary, MESHA-Kenya (Media for Environment, Science, Health and Agriculture), Nairobi, Kenya

..... **1.30-2.30 PM: LUNCH**

2.30-4.00 PM: SESSION 5

Forests, Land, Climate Change and Desertification

Anchor: Chandra Bhushan, Deputy Director General, CSE

REDD+ A global overview

Chandra Bhushan, Deputy Director General, CSE

On land tenures and plantations

Dr Geetanjoy Sahu, Assistant Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, Maharashtra

On communities and conservation

Neema Pathak Broome, Coordinator, Conservation and Livelihoods Programme, Kalpavriksh, Pune, Maharashtra

A case study from Tamil Nadu

Piyush Manush, Activist and Plantation Specialist, Salem, Tamil Nadu

..... **4.00-4.30 PM: TEA BREAK**

4.30-6.00 PM: CONCLUDING SESSION

The Way Ahead

Pushpam Kumar, Chief Environmental Economist, UN Environment, Nairobi, Kenya

Sunita Narain, Director General, CSE

DAY 3-4: September 7-8, 2019

Field trip to Lajoriya, Rajasthan