

## AID TARGETING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

### DEFINITION

An activity should be classified as desertification-related (score Principal or Significant) if:

### CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

It aims at combating desertification or mitigating the effects of drought in arid, semi arid and dry sub-humid areas through prevention and/or reduction of land degradation, rehabilitation of partly degraded land, or reclamation of desertified land.

The activity contributes to

- a) protecting or enhancing dryland ecosystems or remedying existing environmental damage; **or**
- b) integration of desertification concerns with recipient countries' development objectives through institution building, capacity development, strengthening the regulatory and policy framework, or research; **or**
- c) developing countries' efforts to meet their obligations under the Convention.

The activity will score "**principal objective**" if it directly and explicitly relates to one or more of the above criteria, including in the context of the realisation of national, sub-regional or regional action programmes.

### EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL ACTIVITIES

#### 1. Typical activities take place in the sectors of:

*Water and sanitation  
Agriculture  
Forestry*

- Integration of action to combat desertification and land degradation into sectoral policy, planning and programmes (e.g. agricultural and rural development policy, plans and programmes);

- Rehabilitation of land, vegetation cover, forests and water resources, conservation and sustainable management of land and water resources;
- Sustainable irrigation for both crops and livestock to reduce pressure on threatened land; alternative livelihood projects;
- Development and transfer of environmentally sound traditional and local technologies, knowledge, know-how and practices to combat desertification, e.g. methods of conserving water, wood (for fuel or construction) and soil in dry areas.

#### 2. Typical non-sector specific activities are:

*Environmental policy and administrative management  
Env. education/training  
Environmental research*

- Preparation of strategies and action programmes to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought; establishment of drought early warning systems; strengthening of drought preparedness and management; observation and assessment of CCD implementation, including monitoring and evaluation of impact indicators;
- Measures to promote the participation of affected populations in planning and implementing sustainable resource management or improving security of land tenure;
- Support for population/migration policies to reduce population pressure on land;
- Capacity building in desertification monitoring and assessment; education, training and public awareness programmes related to desertification and land degradation;
- Research on desertification and land degradation.