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Delhi Declaration: 14th Conference of Parties (COP14) to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

The 12-day long 14th Conference of Parties (COP14) to United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) had thought-provoking discussions on land management, restoration of degraded land, drought, climate change, renewable energy, women empowerment, gender equality, water scarcity and various other issues. India was the proud host of UNCCD COP14, which witnessed widespread participation from 2nd to 13th September 2019.

The country parties have agreed to make the Sustainable Development Goals, target of achieving land degradation neutrality by 2030 a national target for action. India reiterated its commitment to achieving land degradation neutrality by 2030. It has been decided that country parties will address insecurity of land tenure, including gender inequality in land tenure, promote land restoration to reduce land-related carbon emissions and mobilize innovative sources of finance from public and private sources to support the implementation of these decisions at country-level.

The framework used for reporting action will be improved to ensure it captures key issues, such as gender equality, drought response and the influence of consumption and production patterns and flows on land degradation. Through the Delhi Declaration, ministers expressed support for new initiatives or coalitions aiming to improve human health and well-being, the health of ecosystems, and to advance peace and security.

COP14, ended on 13th September, 2019 after 11 days of meetings, 11 high-level, 30 committee and over 170 stakeholder meetings, 145 side-events and 44 exhibitions.

For full text of the Delhi declaration and summary of other key meetings during COP14 is available at: [http://164.100.117.97/WriteReadData/userfiles/ICCD_COP\(14\)_L.9-1915606E.pdf](http://164.100.117.97/WriteReadData/userfiles/ICCD_COP(14)_L.9-1915606E.pdf)