

RESOLUTION: ENV II/A  
COMMITTEE: Council of Environmental Affairs  
TOPIC: Discussing ways to combat desertification and deforestation as a result of climate change, agriculture, and resource extraction, particularly as a means of establishing sustainable practices heading into a more water-scarce future.  
SPONSORS: Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Egypt, Palestine, Yemen, Sudan

**Acknowledging** the adverse impact of desertification and deforestation on already arid regions, as well as the negative environmental effects of climate change, agriculture, and resource extraction,

**Respecting** the sovereignty of individual member states across the Arab League regarding land usage,

**Emphasizing** the fact that deforestation and desertification have been exacerbating poverty and emigration among the nations,

**Promoting** environmental awareness and the encouragement of citizens to participate in conservation methods, and

**Championing** methods that provide both monetary and human aid to states that have difficulty implementing resolutions due to a lack of resources,

**Be it hereby resolved by the League of Arab States:**

1. **Creates** a committee hereby called Water and Agriculture Techniques Encouraging Resource Sustainability (WATERS) tasked with, but not limited to, the following,
  - a. Constructing an international workshop, for the purposes of,
    - i. Encouraging sustainable management and rehabilitation of arid land,
    - ii. Educating and disseminating information from experts across the Arab League as to the best practices for managing and restoring rangeland and forest vegetation,
    - iii. Communicating within the international body current issues regarding desertification and deforestation within individual member states and creating real-time solutions to address such issues,
    - iv. Working towards proper water conservation and filtration across the Arab League,
    - v. Introducing new methods of soil conservation over lands that have been particularly affected by desertification,

- vi. Informing individual members states of standards put forth by the UN Environmental Program Clean Sea Campaign and how they adapt their individual policies regarding plastic,
  - b. Advocating for recycling and reusing reclaimed water that would otherwise be classified as unusable wastewater,
  - c. Addressing agricultural issues such as soil erosion, overuse of land, and harmful fertilizers,
    - i. Encouraging sustainable techniques such as crop rotation,
    - ii. Reusing of water in a water drip technique,
  - d. Creating an educational program encouraging citizens throughout the Member States, especially underdeveloped populations, for the purposes of,
    - i. Coordinating with the UN World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought Day to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification,
    - ii. Discussing how traditional knowledge can create innovative, dynamic, and positive impacts in regard to combating desertification,
    - iii. Educating citizens about water harvesting in local levels;
- 2. **Encourages** further research into “Greening the Desert” for the purposes of, but not limited to,
  - a. Learning more about the benefits and quantitative results of afforestation and green belts,
  - b. Promoting biodiversity, halting degradation and habitat destruction, and other positive outcomes afforestation brings,
  - c. Creating new jobs in the construction industry in underdeveloped communities;
- 3. **Recommends** the League further invest in innovative technologies and research stations to help replace the outdated methods that have been used to address desertification and deforestation;
- 4. **Defers** to the Economics Committee on the implementation of a resource cap tax for the purposes of creating an incentive to discourage the use of nonrenewable resources in favor of more renewable alternatives;
- 5. **Suggests** the League engage in data and statistics sharing among the nations for connection and collaboration between researchers, which can result in important new findings within the field; and
- 6. **Provides Funds** for this project from, but not limited to,

- a. Individual contributions from willing and able member states,
  - i. Saudi Arabia,
  - ii. United Arab Emirates,
  - iii. Bahrain,
  - iv. Egypt, and
  - v. Algeria,
- b. Any relevant NGOs and Islamic Faith-Based Organizations (IFBOs), and
- c. Development of a bilateral committee capable of allocating proper funds to countries in need.

Signatories: Venezuela, Bahrain