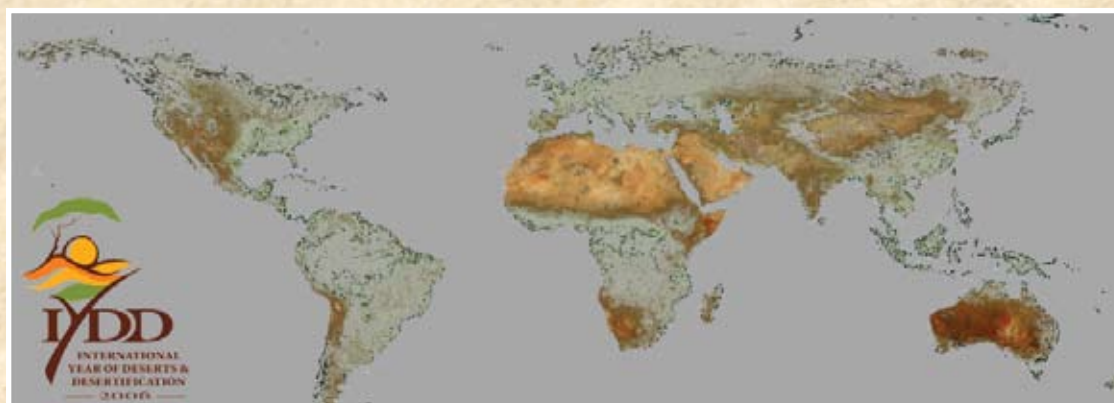


Joint International Conference: Desertification and the International Policy Imperative

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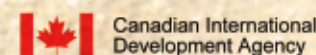


Conference Focus:

- Improved policy focus on desertification, mobilization of resources and capacity
- New initiatives to mainstream desertification issues into national and international policy processes
- Improved knowledge management initiatives
- Improved political viability, design and implementation of national-level initiatives
- Interlinkages between desertification, climate change, biodiversity and other global environmental issues

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