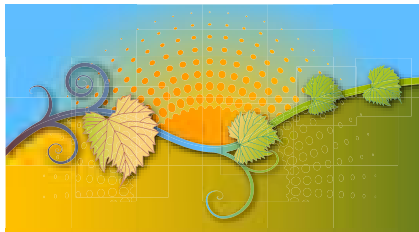


## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



### **International conference on ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC TOOLS FOR DESERTIFICATION POLICY Rome, 28-29 September, 2010**

#### **Objectives:**

The conference has the objective of setting up a discussion on the scientific research tools and results, recently achieved at the European and international levels addressing desertification assessment and mitigation.

In this context, vital and timely discussions would be undertaken on the role of scientific research in combating desertification, raising awareness, and exchanging knowledge between stakeholders. New tools are now available to support decision makers in the identification of priorities and strategies at the local, national, and global scales. The conference will be the occasion of improving exchanges among scientists, policy makers, and relevant international stakeholders. Reports from new procedures that have already been scientifically and technically developed and implemented in specific areas will be particularly welcome and room will be provided for their presentation and demonstration. Contributions dealing with specific problems and methods even if they are not yet at the operational stage are welcome.

#### **Topics:**

1. Assessment and Monitoring desertification, land degradation and drought (status and forecasting)
2. Mitigation of desertification threats
3. Knowledge and information management and exchange.  
Requirements for implementing surveillance and mitigation programs. Capacity building (knowledge management, training, institutional roles)

#### **Key dates:**

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