

REPORT

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Ipogea, research Centre on Traditional and Local Knowledge, participated as qualified NGO to the UNCCD **COP8** (eighth session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification) that was held in Madrid from 3-14 September 2007 together with **CST8** (eighth session of the Committee on Science and Technology) and **CRIC6** (sixth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention).

Ipogea's delegation, representing ITKnet, the network of experts on traditional knowledge, was formed by Pietro Laureano, Corinne Wacker, Sabina Asins and Astier Ogbai. As representatives of Valencia University, partner with Ipogea in the European Union project "Resourcenet", there were Miguel Antequera Fernández and Roberto Escrivá Almiñana. Mauro Perini participated representing the Region of Tuscany, Italy.

The importance of traditional Knowledge was stated during the CST plenary session. Pietro laureano spoke as a member of the Italian delegation and referred about the initiatives undertaken in Italy relating to itknet and the creation of the centre in Florence.

The UNCCD distributed an informative document summarizing the activities that have been carried out and the commitment of the Italian Government to implement the re-use of Traditional Knowledge (download at [www.unccd.int/CST official documents/ICCD/COP\(8\)/CST/INF.4](http://www.unccd.int/CST_official_documents/ICCD/COP(8)/CST/INF.4)).

Ipogea organized a **side event** on the 12th September on the issue "*Data Bank and International Network of experts on traditional knowledge*" presented by Pietro Laureano for Ipogea, Philippe Pypaert for UNESCO BRESCE Venice and Mauro Perini for the Region of Tuscany. The following people were present:

| Name | Surname | Country - Institution |
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| Diab | Abderrahim | Tunisia |
| Ababu | Anage Zeleke | Ethiopia - EPA (Environmental Protection Authority), Head of Ecosystem Department |

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| Miguel | Antequera Fernandez | Spain - Departamento de Geografia, Universidad de Valencia, Grupo de Investigacion Estepa |
| Guillermo | Avanzini Pinto | Perù - INRENA Ministerio de Agricultura |
| George | Awudi | FOE - Ghana, PmB, GPO, ACCRA - GHANA |
| Etienne | Coyette | European Commission |
| Roberto | Escriba Almintana | Departamento de Geografia, Universidad de Valencia, Grupo de Investigacion Estepa |
| Gian Luigi | Faure | Belgium - Coucil of European Union, Development Coperation |
| Peter | Gonso | Zimbabwe - SAFIRE |
| Aloni | Hamda | Tunisia |
| Jean Mark | Hoffmann | France - Ministère de l'Environnement |
| Ismail Abd al Galil | Hussein | Egypt - Chairman, Desert Research Centre |
| Anatar | Issam | Tunisia |
| Marie Rose | Kabura | Burundi - Ministère de l'Amanegément du Territoire, Tourisme et Environnement |
| Stella Grace | Lutalo | Uganda - PELUM |
| Dessalegne | Mesten | Ethiopia - EPA Ecosystem Department, |
| Kaabi | Noureddine | Tunisia |
| Uriel | Safriel | Israel - Focal Point UNCCD |
| Josep Luis | Salazar | Spain - |
| Rami A. | Salman | Spain - IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation |
| R. | Semasinghi | Srilanka - Director NRM- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources |
| Redae | Teclai | Eritrea, CCD National Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture |

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The President of the Region of Tuscany, Claudio Martini, spoke during the plenary session of the Conference of the Parties on the 13th September. This is the first time ever that a Regional authority speaks during a session of the United Nations.

The President of the Region of Tuscany stated the necessity of a participatory approach between local communities and the United Nations and of a bottom-up perspective in managing the territory and in combating desertification. Claudio Martini also declared his intention of implementing the creation of the International Centre for Traditional Knowledge in Florence (Tuscany regional capital, Italy).

The Undersecretary to the Italian Ministry of the Environment Bruno Dettori was the chairman of a **ministerial meeting** on the network of experts on traditional knowledge "itknet", organized by the Region of tuscany and Ipogea. The meeting was introduced by the President of the Region of Tuscany Claudio Martini, the discussion was coordinated by Pietro Laureano, Corinne Wacker, Sabina Asins and Mauro Perini. For the UNCCD Secretariat Massimo Candelori and Federica Meneghetti were present, for APAT (Agency for the Protection of the Environment and for Technical services of the Italian Government) Anna Luise, the following delegates of the Parties:

| Name | Surname | Country – Institution |
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| Carlos | Andaluz | Peru, Proterra/RIOD-ACC |
| Heruy | Asghedom | Eritrea – Director General Agricultural Promotion and development Department, Ministry of Agriculture |
| Guillermo | Avanzini Pinto | Peru, JEFE/NEIEGACION INRENA (Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales) Ministerio de Agricultura |
| Zalia | Boubacar | Niger, SE/CNEDD |
| Orietta | Casali | Italy, ENEA |
| Juan Mario | Dary Fuentes | Guatemala, MINISTRO Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales |
| Aldo | Dejana | Italy, Ministero Ambiente |
| Anna | Luise | Italy, ICCDD |

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| Hamadou | Mamoudou | Niger, Ministère Environnement du Niger |
| Maria | Mbengashe | South Africa, Dept. Of Environmental Affairs and Tourism |
| Ouessalegre | Mesfin | Ethiopia, Environmental Protection Authority |
| Godfrey Alati | Olukoye | Kenya, Kenyatta University |
| Delphine | Ouedraogo | Burkina Faso, MECV |
| Octavio | Perez Pardo | Argentina, Segreteria de Ambiente e Desarrollo Sustentable |
| Khadiga | Razavi | Iran, CENESTA (Center for Sustainable Development) |
| Leopoldo | Rojo Serrano | Spain – Portavoce Ministro Ambiente Narbone, Ministerio de Medio Ambiente, Direccion general para la Biodiversidad, Director Proyecto Lucdeme |
| Hassane | Saley | Niger, CNEDD |
| Michel | Sedogo | Burkina Faso, INER/CNRST |
| Estuardo | Suchini | Guatemala, Focal Point UNCCD/ MARN (Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales) |
| Michel | Tamkoano | Burkina Faso, SP/CONEDD |
| Redae | Teclai | Eritrea, CCD National Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture |
| Pablo | Viegas | Argentina, Segreteria de Ambiente e Desarrollo Sustentable/ PANARGENTINA |