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**Subject: UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference on “Economic Assessment of desertification, sustainable land management and resilience of arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid area”, Bonn, Germany, 9 to 12 April 2013**

Dear Mr. Patil,

The secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) would like to invite you, in your capacity as scientist, to the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference that will be held at the World Conference Center in Bonn, Germany, from Tuesday, 9 April 2013 (3 p.m.) to Friday, 12 April 2013 (1 p.m.) This invitation is based on your pre-registration through the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference website.

Pursuant to decision 16/COP.9 adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference will discuss the “Economic Assessment of desertification, sustainable land management and resilience of arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid area”. This important event will be organized under the guidance of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) of the UNCCD and the Global Risk Forum (GRF) Davos as the selected lead institution.

The UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference will be held in the context of the Third Special Session of the CST (CST S-3) with the participation of various stakeholders and invited scientists from all regions. Kindly take note that this invitation is limited to your participation to the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference only and not valid for participation to the inter-governmental session of the CST S-3, which will be held in morning of 9 April and the afternoon of 12 April.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that participants will be responsible for getting their own visas, hotel reservations and any type of health or other insurance they may need. Participants requiring visas must therefore obtain these from the embassies or consulates of the Federal Republic of Germany in their country of residence before arrival to Bonn. Participants failing to comply with the customs requirements regarding entry into the Federal Republic of Germany will not be allowed by the local authorities to enter the country. The secretariat will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising from your travel and stay during the meeting.

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In addition, participants who did not attend a previous session of the Conference of the Parties or subsidiary bodies meetings of the UNCCD should send a standard passport photograph in jpeg format to the e-mail [secretariat@unccd.int](mailto:secretariat@unccd.int) in order to facilitate the registration process. The registration of participants starts on Monday, 8 April 2013.

For any logistical information, an advance copy of the document entitled “Information for participants” (ICCD/CST(S-3)/INF.1-ICCD/CRIC(11)/INF.1) will shortly be made available on the UNCCD website. Other information on the programme and content of the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference can be found at <http://2sc.unccd.int/conference-structure/programme>.

We hope to have the pleasure of welcoming you at the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary

