

International Conference

LAND DEGRADATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE STEPPES

NOVEMBER 18-21, 2024 | DJELFA, ALGERIA |

DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2024 (AOE)



The Earth and Universe Sciences Department of the Ziane Achour University of Djelfa (Algeria), the Exploration and Valorization of Steppe Ecosystems laboratory (EVES), and the UR Sphères of the University of Liège (Belgium), with support from the General Directorate for Scientific Research and Technological Development (DGRSTD), are organizing an international conference on "Land Degradation and Sustainable Development in the Steppes" from November 18 to 21, 2024. This conference is organized in cooperation with the International Geographical Union Commissions "Land Degradation and Desertification" (COMLAND) and of "Sustainable Rural Systems" (CSRS).

FOREWORD

Being a very interesting field of study for geography through its different branches, steppe regions are particularly vulnerable and require special interest. This international conference proposes to investigate their particularities compared to other biotopes and to point out common statements through an international comparison. The event is also an opportunity to know more about the Algerian steppes and its environmental challenges similar to those of the rest of the world. Soil degradation, drought, overgrazing, and a lack of protective legislative framework are among the causes of such disasters. With its diverse landscapes of forests, dunes, sebkhas, chotts, vast plains, and mountain formations, the Djelfa region exemplifies the landscape, climatic, and biological diversity of the Algerian steppe.

With its multiple sessions, the international conference on "Land Degradation and Sustainable Development in the Steppe" serves as a tool within a lengthy process that combines theory with experimentation, drawing on a broad cohort of scientists from various disciplines to enrich and construct initial responses for an ecosystem in danger and lands at high risk of degradation.

Now open, the call for papers for a four-day conference featuring two days of communications and two days of field work. This conference is the inaugural scientific event of its kind, aimed at the collaborative observation and monitoring of the steppe ecosystem, organized and supervised by geographers from diverse backgrounds.

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THEMES

Theme 01: Steppe biogeography inventory over the world.

Theme 02: Economic geography, local development and land degradation in the steppes.

Theme 03: Cultural geography and anthropogenic causes of land degradation.

Theme 04: Local geography and agricultural challenge (pastoralism, livestock herding and nomads).

Theme 05: Geographical solutions to combat desertification and deforestation.

Theme 06: Land degradation and the way of ecological restoration of soils structure.

Theme 07: Climate change impacts on the steppe ecosystems.

Theme 08: Water management in the steppes.

Theme 09: Urban planning for steppe cities and pastoral land protection.

Theme 10: Land use and land degradation neutrality (LDN).

Theme 11: Technological innovations, monitoring and assessment of land degradation and desertification

Theme 12: Awareness and educational strategies.

Theme 13: Law, regulation and governance in the field of land degradation.

Theme 14: Evaluation of the impact of land degradation on the availability of medicinal plants.

Theme 15: Wildlife in the perspective of land degradation.

CALL OF PAPER

Scholars interested in participating in this international conference are invited to submit a brief CV (150 words) and an abstract of their communication proposals (400 words).

Please visit: <http://conference.univ-djelfa.dz/steppes2024/> to download abstract template.

PUBLICATION OPTION

A selection of papers presented during the conference will feed a special issue of Geo-Eco-Trop (ISSN 1370 – 6071). <https://www.geoecotrop.be/>

IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **May 15, 2024**

- Notification of Acceptance: **June 10, 2024**

- Conference Dates: **November 18-21, 2024**

SUBMISSION

- Participants are required to submit their abstracts and CV through: <https://forms.gle/hAzXpv4CndWcA3dh8>

- For any inquiries, please do not hesitate to reach out to the organizers at: steppes2024@univ-djelfa.dz

REGISTRATION FEES

All event participants must pay the conference registration before joining seminar.

For each paper/poster, at least one author must attend and pay the registration fee.

- Authors (Student): 5000DA / 25 euros

- Authors (Regular): 10000DA / 50 euros

- Listener (Societies): 12000DA / 70 euros

The registration fees include

Conference session (2 days):

- Admission to: scientific sessions, exhibition and poster session

- All-Conference materials, tea/coffee and lunch and shuttlebus

Fieldwork session (2 days):

- Visit to some steppe sites, scientific guide

