

# Desertification and Food Security. There's No Future Without Collaboration Between States. All Participants of the Conference Organized by GDA at Expo Milano 2015 Agree

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In the afternoon of the September 14, at the KIP Pavilion, the "Desertification and Food Security: risks and opportunities" convention took place, organized by **Global Dryland Alliance (GDA)**. A Qatari initiative, aimed at addressing food insecurity and the adverse effects of climate change in arid areas, in partnership with WFP, IDB Group, UNCCD, CILSS and ICBA.

A number of authoritative speakers participated in the important meeting, amongst which **Ertharin Cousin** (Executive Director of the Food World Programme), coming together to emphasize the issue of desertification and food security in the world. Among the renowned panelists, in addition to Cousin, were **Bader Omar Al Dafa** (Executive Director, Global Dryland Alliance (GDA)), **Djime Adoum** (Executive Director, Comité permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel (CILSS)), **Abdul Hakim Elwaer** (Director, Cooperation and Economic Integration Department, Islamic Development Bank (IDB)), **Ismahane Elouafi** (Director General, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture in Dubai (ICBA)), **Rajeb Boulharouf** (Chef de Cabinet, Executive Secretary General, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)), **Gloria Zavatta**, (Head of Sustainability at Expo Milano 2015) and **Abdulaziz bin Ahmed Al-Maliki Al-Juhani** (Commissioner General, Qatar Pavilion and Ambassador for Qatar in Italy).

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