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Qatar's Initiative to Establish Global Dryland Alliance Gets International Tribute

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Ankara, October 21 (QNA) - HE the Minister of Environment Ahmed bin Amer Al Humaidi said that desertification and drought waves around the globe since the seventies of the last century, had left human and environmental losses more than hurricanes, floods and earthquakes that have occurred at the same period.

Speaking at the 12th session of the conference of the parties to the UN Framework Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), being currently held in Ankara, HE the Minister said that there are 168 countries around the world suffering from implications of desertification and drought, including soil degradation, vegetation, the acquisition of demographic and urban growth on a large part of the agricultural areas as well as low of groundwater storage due to a shortage of rainfall.

His Excellency noted that the climate changes are doubling of risk of food insecurity, which affects more than 800 million people, mostly citizens of dry land states, where approximately live one-third of the world's population.

On the integrated policy adopted by Qatar in addressing environmental and climatic challenges, he said that it was based on the increase in natural reserves, maintaining the vegetation, increasing green spaces and preservation of biodiversity and introduction of modern technologies in agriculture to reduce depletion of groundwater.