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## UN Coalition on Combating Sand and Dust Storms

Recent **UN resolutions** articulated massive concern about the growing threat of SDS, may **undermine the achievements of the SDGs**.

- **UNGA resolution 72/225 (Jan 2018)** call for a global response to SDS
  - **SDS Coalition formally launched:** side event of UNCCD 14th Conference of Parties, New Delhi, India 6 Sept 2019
  - 15+ UN entities, intergovernmental organisations and affiliated members
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Coalition meeting (July 2020):** Coalition lead transferred from UNEP to FAO for next two years
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## UN Coalition on Combating Sand and Dust Storms (cont'd)

- **4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Oct 2020:** working groups and leads/co-leads confirmed
    - **WG1 Adaptation and Mitigation:** UNDP and FAO
    - **WG2 Forecasting and Early Warning:** WMO
    - **WG3 Health and Safety:** WHO
    - **WG4 Policy and Governance:** UNCCD
    - **WG5 Mediation & Regional Collaboration:** ESCAP and ESCWA
  - **5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Feb 2021:**
    - Introduced non-UN partners to Working Groups
    - Working Groups identified priority activities for 2021
  - GA resolution on SDS (A/RES/75/222) December 2020:  
preparing the **SG report** on combating SDS on the progress of the UN Coalition and focusing on the effect of SDS and COVID19 (WHO)
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## UN Coalition on Combating SDS: identified priorities / activities

- **Enhance visibility and raise awareness** on sand and dust storms to catalyse global and regional actions to reduce their impact on health, the environment, agriculture and other economic activities.
- Facilitate **sharing of knowledge and information** on innovation and good practices to counter sand and dust storms (for example, sustainable land management), among others to enhance mitigation of and adaptation to sand and dust storms.
- Formulate a **programme to mitigate the impacts and sources** of sand and dust storms.
- Enhance **forecasting and early warning tools** and the provision of long-term model re-analysis data for sand and dust storm risk assessments.
- **Mobilize resources**