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September 6, 2010

Dear GNDRI member,

Re: The upcoming GNDRI's Steering Committee Biennial Meeting

As agreed in the last meeting (December 17, 2008, see Minutes of GNDRI Meetings button in GNDRI website, <http://www.gndri.net>), the BIDR was expected to select "*a suitable time and location for the next meeting of the Steering Committee, trying to link it, but also avoid clashes with relevant events*" (Decision 9 of the above meeting).

Following an agreement of all GNDRI members achieved by 20 June 2010, the next meeting will take place back to back with the **Third International Conference on Drylands, Deserts and Desertification (DDD): The Route to Restoration**, taking place in Sede Boqer Campus of Ben-Gurion University, Israel, on November 8-11, 2010 (for details and program see <http://www.entersymposium.com/ddd/site/default.htm>), on **Thursday, November 11, 1500-1830, at the DDD Conference venue.**

The agenda will include the Coordinating Institute's report, projected plans, and the election of the third Rotating Chair of GNDRI. In this context, please note Decision 2 of the December 17, 2008 meeting:

2.4 The third rotating Chair of GNDRI will be determined by the next meeting of GNDRI steering committee.

We hope to see the representative(s) of your Institute there!

Best regards,

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GNDRI Coordinator on behalf of the BIDR